


QUEENSTOWN

IN-ROOM TOURISM GUIDE



THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO DINE - WHERE TO SHOP





Kia ora!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to our majestic slice of the world. Whether you are here for relaxation, business, or to have an action-packed adventure, we are sure the Queenstown region will take your breath away!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to stay with us. We believe that it's the fine touches that make the difference, so we have created this guide to ensure our guests leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

Research estimates that around 30% of reviews on popular tourism websites are fake. This makes it hard for tourists to know who to trust with their money. This is why we have created this guide. All the companies included have been handpicked, so you can trust that your dollars will be spent with the correct operator to give you an experience to remember.

Please note, the activities and restaurants in this guide are very popular and in high demand. As some can be booked out days in advance, we suggest you get in-touch as soon as possible to check availability.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us!

Queenstown Through The Years

Queenstown holds a special place in the heart of all those who live and visit here. Much of the town's allure comes from its rich and fascinating history.





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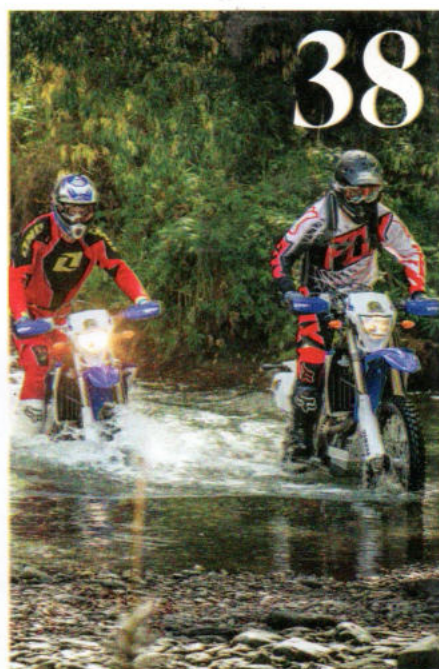
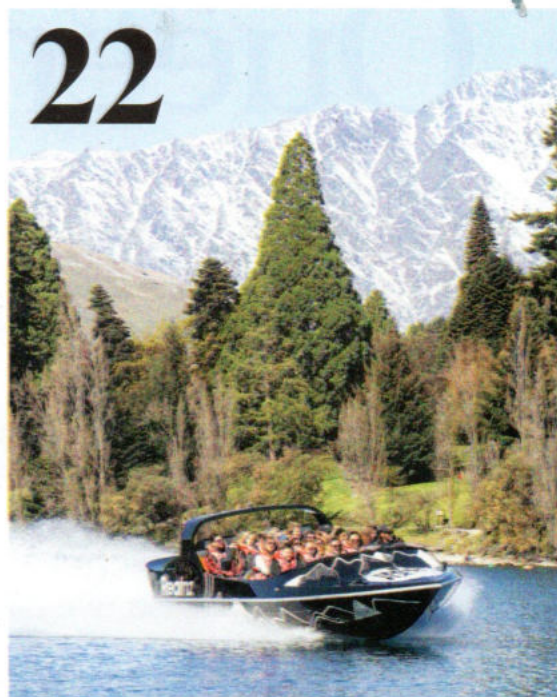
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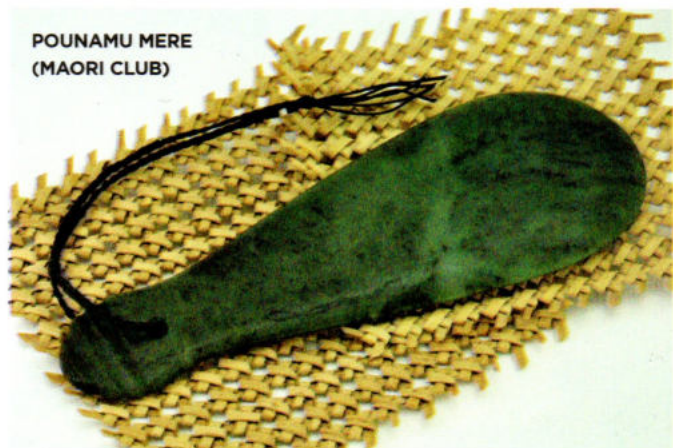
To understand how Queenstown's striking landscape of steep, jagged mountain ranges and deep waters were formed, we must look back around 15,000 years. This was the time of an ice age, and New Zealand was a land covered in glaciers. The area we now know as the Whakatipu Basin was covered by a huge glacier travelling from the high rainfall catchment area of the Dart and Rees valleys. As the glacier moved slowly over the landscape, it carved out the large trough to form the lake bed of Lake Whakatipu.

If you head out on a lake cruise during your visit to Queenstown, you will likely see the immense peaks of Cecil Peak and Walter Peak. Look closely at Cecil Peak, and you will notice horizontal scratches on its flanks. These are known as striations and are deep gouges left behind by the glacier as it moved past. Smaller peaks such as Mt Nicholas have a less jagged appearance as they were smoothed over when the glacier simply ran over them. Thousands of years after the ice had melted in the valleys and the lakes were full, human activity began in the Whakatipu.

Māori History

Ngāi Tahu is the Māori iwi of Queenstown and tangata whenua, meaning they are the people of this land. Ngāi Tahu lived and travelled across much of Te Waipounamu (South Island), and there is evidence Māori first made their way to Queenstown around 800 years ago. Ngāi Tahu travelled seasonally to the southern regions to gather food, hunt and search for pounamu (greenstone). Pounamu was particularly abundant around the headwaters of Lake Whakatipu and the Routeburn and Dart valleys. The highly prized stone was valued for its strength and beauty and was carved into toki (adzes), mere (short clubs) and hei tiki (necklace or ear adornments).

POUNAMU MERE
(MAORI CLUB)



Early European History

In the mid-19th century, Europeans began to venture into the harsh landscapes of the lower South Island. Those who made the journey through dense bush and over high mountain passes would have faced many challenges. It would have been a harsh landscape to navigate with little knowledge or experience; many were severely ill-prepared.

One such hardy pioneer was the surveyor Alexander Garvie. In 1857, he laid eyes upon a stunning, jagged mountain range near Lake Whakatipu. He named this mountain range, most suitably, The Remarkables. It is said that when Garvie surveyed the range and discovered it lay in a true north-south direction, he commented on this 'remarkable' phenomenon.

Those Europeans who managed to successfully make it to places like Queenstown, Wānaka, Kingston or Hāwea long before there were roads often did so with help from local iwi.

In 1853, Nathaniel Chalmers was guided by Māori chief, Reko, through the

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Nevis Valley to a summit where he cast his eyes upon Lake Whakatipu. While Chalmers would have been spellbound by the sight before him, he never had the chance to visit. Suffering from severe food poisoning, he returned down the Mataura River by a mokihikihi (flax leaf) raft to recover.

Three years later, Reko guided three more Europeans into the Whakatipu. John Chubbin, John Morrison and Malcolm Macfarlane achieved more than Nathaniel Chalmers and managed to make it to the shores of Lake Whakatipu. They are believed to be the first Europeans to do so. However, their success was short-lived. As the three men stood gazing out over the spectacular sight of the lake, Morrison threw a match used to light his pipe and started a fire. The landscape was quickly ablaze, and the men and their horses had to stand in the lake to escape being burnt. While the inferno caused huge damage, it created a route through the dense vegetation allowing more visitors and their animals to access the southern end of Lake Whakatipu.

This led to the beginning of the region's agricultural era, as many more soon arrived in the district to farm.

Agricultural beginnings

Two of the most notable figures during the days of early European settlement were William Rees and Nicholas Von Tunzelmann, who arrived in the Whakatipu in 1859. It was no easy journey for the pair who made the epic trek from Oamaru on the East Coast over the Crown Range to the Whakatipu, battling speargrass, matagouri and steep alpine terrain as they went.

It was a coin toss that would determine the fate (and fortune) of Rees and Von Tunzelmann. Both men had decided to stay and farm the new territory, and they decided a coin toss would determine what run-hold each would take. Rees won the toss and opted to take the parcel of land where Queenstown now stands. It would turn out to be a wise choice. Von Tunzelmann took the land on the other side of Lake Whakatipu, establishing a farm close to where Mt Nicholas is now found.

Rees established a merino sheep farm, grazing up to 3,000 animals. Both men enjoyed a few years of farming before the discovery of gold would change everything. Rees successfully rode a wave of good fortune, going on to establish a timber mill on Pigeon Island, building government offices, churches, the masonic lodge, a hotel and the hospital. Von Tunzelmann did not fare so well and was eventually forced to leave his land after disease, rabbit infestation, and financial hardship hit hard.

For William Rees, however, things took a decidedly fortuitous turn one day in 1862. One of Rees' musterers, Jack Tewa, removed a gold nugget from the Arrow River. What followed would set in motion one of the greatest gold rushes of the time and a lucrative deal for Rees.

While Jack Tewa's name will always be linked with that infamous first gold strike, it is not the first time his name appears in the history books. While transporting two visitors home from Rees' station by boat, Jack Tewa and his boat capsized. Jack heroically fought to keep both men alive in the freezing waters, battling for hours to paddle the sunken vessel to shore. One of the party didn't survive, but the other did, thanks to Jack's heroic effort to set off on foot to raise a rescue party. Jack was acknowledged with a medal from the Humane Society of Britain. Jack's Point, just south of Frankton, is named after this courageous local.

QUEENSTOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

The 1860s Gold Rush

While Jack Tewa's gold strike is considered the first in the district, it wasn't long before more gold was uncovered. The discovery of gold changed the Whakatipu from a pastoral outpost to a bustling gold mining settlement.

More gold was discovered along the Shotover River from Arthur's Point to deep in Skippers Canyon. Two men trying to rescue their dog that had been swept away in the fast-flowing river spotted gold. It is said that they had gathered 25 pounds of gold by the end of the day.

While William Rees never went directly into gold mining, he greatly benefitted from the gold rush. The law of the time required grazing to make for mining when a viable claim was discovered, and so Rees received 10,000 pounds compensation for his Queenstown land. Rees went on to become a pillar of the community and was involved in many aspects of life in the district. He turned one of his woolsheds on the lakeshore into the Queen's Arms Hotel to provide lodgings to the many miners, traders and visitors that poured into Queenstown's premium hotel stays.

Queenstown was booming. But it wasn't always an easy life. Miners lived in canvas or tin shelters along the river valleys. There were freezing conditions to endure in winter, and hard living often led to fights, murder and general discontent.

Arrowtown was known as Fox's during the gold rush and was home to around 1,500 miners. The heyday was short-lived, and miners were soon leaving in search of other gold strikes around the world. The local government was concerned about the declining population and encouraged Chinese miners to journey to New Zealand to find their fortune. The newly arrived Chinese miners arrived to gold fields that had been largely stripped by previous miners. Despite this, the Chinese prospered and set up stores, market gardens and a bank. By the 1930s, there was a flourishing Chinese settlement in the area. Today, you can visit the Chinese Settlement precinct in Arrowtown, where a preserved strip of houses and stores gives an insight into what life would have been like nearly 100 years ago.

The growth of Queenstown is irrevocably linked with gold. However, gold rushes don't last forever; eventually, the gold dwindled, and so did the population. It wasn't until the 1950s that the next boom would hit Queenstown.

Tourism in Queenstown

The new gold turned out to be tourism. Word of Queenstown's immense beauty had spread around New Zealand and around the world as a result of the gold rush. It wasn't long before tourists began to replace gold miners. In the early days of tourism, Queenstown was known as a tranquil place to come for fishing, hiking, water activities and perhaps a bit of hunting. Modest holiday homes sprung up along the lakeshore in areas like Frankton and Kelvin Heights.

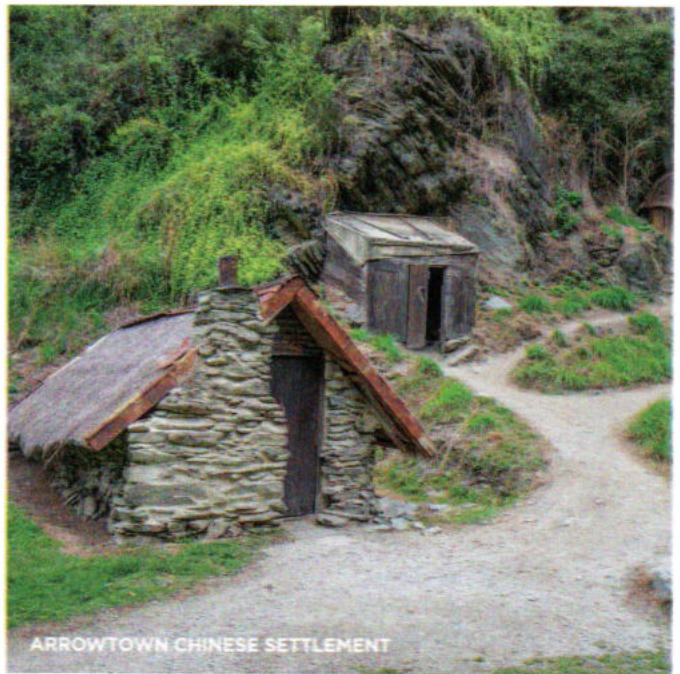
Things started to ramp up in the second half of the 20th century. First, it was the opening of Coronet Peak in 1947. The South Island's first commercial ski field firmly put Queenstown on the map and would lay the foundation for the district's reputation as a world-class ski resort. In 1950, a groundbreaking boat appeared on the rivers around Queenstown. The first jet boat trips took off from the Kawarau River in 1959 and the Shotover River in 1960. Jet boating would go on to establish itself as the quintessential Queenstown thrill activity.

In 1967, a gondola was built on Bob's Peak, ferrying visitors up to a spectacular viewpoint. The Skyline Gondola is one of the stalwarts of the tourism scene and has grown into a multi-experiential offering that is firmly established as a Queenstown must-do.

In the early 1980s, the first Pinot Noir grapes were planted on a hunch in the Gibbston Valley. It turned out to be a good hunch. The region's hot



ARROWTOWN MINERS HUT



ARROWTOWN CHINESE SETTLEMENT

summers, cold winters, and long, dry autumns create the perfect climate for Pinot Noir grapes. Nearly forty years later, the region is regarded as one of the best pinot regions in the world.

The first commercial bungy jump took flight in 1988 on the Kawarau River. This leap would irrevocably establish Queenstown as the place to go for adrenaline and thrills.

Today, Queenstown offers many things to many people and is far more than adventure and adrenaline. Visitors flock here for winter snow sports, luxurious lodges and world-class wine. They come for stunning outdoor landscapes, hiking, and getting away from it all. Queenstown really does have it all, any time of year.

Driving distances, km	Frankton	Arthurs Point	Arrowtown	Gibbston	Glenorchy	Cromwell	Cardrona	Wanaka	Te Anau	Manapouri	Milford Sound
Queenstown	7	6	19	28	46	59	46	68	171	172	288
Milford Sound	280	297	294	303	334	334	321	343	118	139	
Manapouri	165	178	178	187	218	218	205	227	22		
Te Anau	164	177	178	187	217	218	204	227			
Wanaka	63	69	55	60	115	56	23				
Cardrona	40	46	33	37	92	74					
Cromwell	54	60	46	31	105						
Glenorchy	53	52	66	74							
Gibbston	23	29	15								
Arrowtown	14	14									
Arthurs Point	13										



Top things to do in Queenstown

Walking & Hiking - pages 12-13

With over 130kms of well-maintained trails around the region, Queenstown is a walker's paradise. The Queenstown Hill walk and Ben Lomond summit are two of the most rewarding close to central Queenstown. Travel a little further, and you will find many more, including some of the NZ Great Walks.



Winter Sports - pages 14-21

Queenstown is the Southern Hemisphere's main winter paradise. With two ski fields in town and two a close drive away in Cardrona and Wanaka you are really spoilt for choice. If boarding or skiing isn't your cup of tea then there are various other options including dog sledding and snowmobiling.

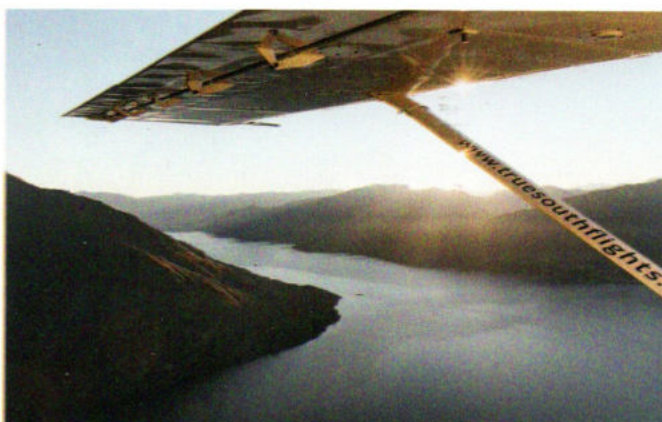


Wineries & Wine Tours - pages 50-53

Gibbston and Central Otago wines are globally recognised, particularly Pinot Noir, which thrives in the region's cool, dry climate. Gibbston, a valley just a half-hour drive from Queenstown, possesses an impressive selection of wineries and cellar doors offering up delightful wines and delicious food.

Land, Water, Air, & Indoor Activities - pages 22-49

Queenstown is known as the 'Adventure Capital of the World' for good reason. It was here that the world's first commercial bungy jump started, along with New Zealand's first skydive. Queenstown is also home to world-class downhill bike parks and ski fields. Any day of the year, Lake Whakatipu and its rivers buzz with jet boats, rafting, kayaking, cruises, and much more. High above, fixed-wing planes, helicopters, and hot-air balloons transport sightseers over spectacular vistas, and by road, 4WD tour companies trek into majestic landscapes.



Biking - pages 54-57

With world-class downhill tracks and a range of carefully-maintained bike parks, Queenstown attracts downhill bikers from around the world. Bike trails cater to experienced technical riders and absolute beginners. For easier riding, there is also an extensive trail network through the district's lakes, rivers, wineries and into the backcountry.



Spa & Wellness - pages 58-59

While Queenstown is renowned for adrenaline and adventure, it is also the place to take time out and relax. You'll find spas at many of Queenstown's luxury hotels. Around town, there are mobile massage services, hot pools, float spas, yoga studios, and relaxation retreats for the ultimate way to unwind.



Shopping - pages 76-81

Queenstown has three main shopping areas. Arrowtown's main street offers a selection of boutique clothes shops, art galleries and souvenir outlets. Frankton is where you'll find the large supermarkets and retail stores. However, most visitors love the variety of shopping options in the heart of Queenstown.



Restaurants & Cafés - pages 90-97

The region punches above its weight when it comes to the variety and quality of restaurants and cafés. Amisfield in Arrowtown currently sits on the throne after being named Cuisine's 2022 NZ Restaurant of the Year. Any restaurant in Queenstown needs to be able to compete with the best in the business; the result is an incredible offering of top-class restaurants and chefs covering a wide range of cuisines.



Exploring the Region - pages 60-75

Just over the hill, Wānaka is an excellent day trip from Queenstown. Explore the Cardrona Valley on the way there and Cromwell on the way back. At the head of the lake, Glenorchy, on the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park, is a must-do, and so is a visit to Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound in Fiordland.



Bars & Nightlife - pages 82-89

Queenstown comes alive when the sun goes down. The town is known for its pumping nightlife scene, and there is plenty on offer in the heart of town. On the main streets or down hidden side streets, there is every type of bar and club you can think of. Arthurs Point has breweries and gin tasting, Frankton has a couple of bars, and Arrowtown has a selection of beer gardens and eclectic hidden bars. Whatever vibe you're looking for, Queenstown has you covered.

Top *free* things to do in Queenstown

Visit Macetown

6-8 hours return trip if on self-drive (quicker with guided tour)

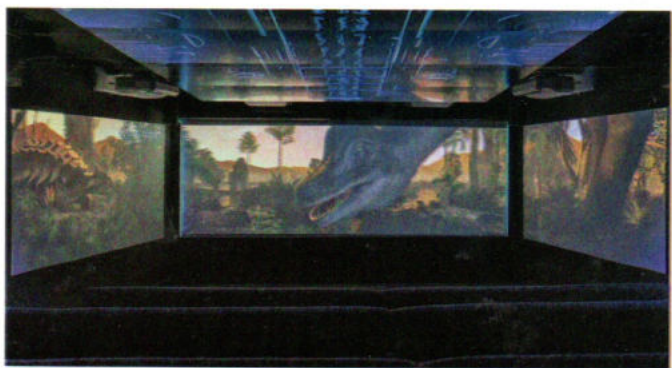
Macetown is the best-preserved mining town in the region and is a hotspot for tourists that will not let you down. Access is from the Arrowtown carpark up roughly 15kms of dirt road that crosses the Arrow River multiple times. You can walk or cycle there, but with over 22 river crossings each way we would suggest a 4x4 as the best option. If you don't feel comfortable driving yourself then Pure Glenorchy (page 43) offers guided 4x4 trips.



Visit the Queenstown Gardens and play frisbee golf

1-2 hours for 18 holes

Loved by the locals, playing frisbee golf at Queenstown gardens is a fun way to spend an hour or two. There are 18 holes located throughout the gardens, conveniently placed behind the multitude of trees, just begging for people to try and throw their frisbees in them. Although it's free to play you will have to rent a frisbee in town from one of the various sports shops for as little as \$5. The picturesque lakeside gardens are a must see whilst in town even if frisbee golf doesn't interest you.



Visit the Time Tripper underwater cinema and observatory

30 minutes

Time Tripper is located at the pier down two flights of stairs under Lake Whakatipu. The film takes you back 90 million years to the time of the dinosaurs and brings you through the ages to modern-day Queenstown learning about Māori Legends along the way. Then from the underwater observatory you experience 15 mins of the diving ducks, eels, and trout being fed. Okay, so it's not free but at only \$15 per adult and \$8 per child, it's close enough and well worth the money.

Hike Queenstown Hill

2-3 hours return trip

Walking up Queenstown hill is a must do! If you type Queenstown hill walking track into google maps it will direct you to the start of the trail at belfast terrace, and from there it takes roughly one hour to get to the viewpoint. The walk is all uphill however once you get to the top the views are truly breathtaking! We'd suggest hiking up there for sunrise, but if you're not a morning person then it's also beautiful at sunset and well worth the hike.



Hike Ben Lomond

3-4 hours walking for saddle return trip, 6-8 hours for summit return trip

This 14km hike takes you to the highest peak in Queenstown with 360° views across the mountains and lakes. The hike begins with the 'Tiki Trail' which connects Brecon Street and the top of the gondola (using the gondola can save a lot of time). It's well signposted from the top and after a walk along the saddle you will reach the hike to the summit. The summit hike can be daunting for some, but the views from the saddle are still spectacular. Check the conditions before walking in Winter.



Visit Moke Lake

1-2 hours driving return trip – recommend spending a couple of hours once there

From Queenstown drive along the road to Glenorchy for roughly ten minutes until you see the 'Moke Lake Road' signpost and turn to the right. After driving up the hill and along the gravel road you will discover the picturesque lake surrounded by steep mountains. There is a 2-3 hour walking trail that goes around the lake, or you can sit lakeside and enjoy the peaceful and idyllic nature surrounding you. A true hidden gem!



Drive the Skippers Canyon Road

4-6 hours return trip

Skippers Canyon Road is 22kms of single-lane dirt road that clings to the side of the canyon with vertical drops on the side. The road was created for gold miners and the Shotover River below is one of the richest gold-bearing rivers in the world. Most rental companies don't insure for this road and a 4x4 is necessary. If you don't feel comfortable driving yourself then Pure Glenorchy offer guided 4x4 trips (page 43), and Skippers Canyon Jet offer jet boating (page 27).



Walk or cycle from beach to beach

2-3 hours walking for return trip, or 1 hour for cycling return trip

Starting at the beach in Queenstown, the trail goes around Queenstown gardens and links up with the Frankton Track which takes you along the lakes edge to Frankton beach. You can stop at the marina half way along for a coffee or beer. If you want to have your reward at the end then you can go for a swim at the beach or have a beer and food at the Frankton Arms Tavern. Bicycle rentals are available from Around the Basin (page 57).

Drive the Glenorchy Road

2 hours driving return trip – recommend making a day and exploring Glenorchy

This drive is one of the most spectacular in NZ. It takes roughly 1 hour each way although there are multiple beaches and viewpoints along the way you will want to take advantage of. One of the best is Bob's Cove which we would recommend stopping at. We would suggest allocating the day for Glenorchy as there are a myriad of things to do in this majestic wonderland. View the Glenorchy section on pages 64-67 to find out more.



Visit Arrowtown

1 hour drive return trip – Recommend minimum of half a day to explore Arrowtown

A visit to the historic gold-mining town of Arrowtown, about 30 minutes from Queenstown, should not be missed. To learn about the mining history, you can visit the old Chinese Settlement or the region's main museum the Lakes District Museum (page 49) where you can rent gold panning equipment to try your luck in the river. Arrowtown is also renowned for having some of the best boutique clothing and souvenir shopping in the region. View the Arrowtown section on pages 60-63 to find out more.

IN AND AROUND QUEENSTOWN

Not sure what to do or where to go? Well, here's a breakdown of the locations in and around Queenstown to help you plan your holiday.

While you could easily spend your whole holiday exploring what's on offer in Queenstown, there is so much to see outside Queenstown as well. We recommend you leave extra time in your itinerary to explore the areas beyond Queenstown.

Queenstown CBD

Perfectly positioned on the lakefront, central Queenstown is a joy to explore. Not only can you take in the views, but you'll also find most of the town's bars, restaurants, cafés, retail stores and souvenir shops here. It's easy to access on foot, including the impressive lakefront and tranquil Queenstown Gardens. Most of Queenstown's hotels are found here, and so are the pick-up points and booking offices for activity operators.

Frankton (7kms from Queenstown)

Frankton has two main hubs, located on either side of Queenstown's International Airport, with Remarkables Park on the lower side, and Five Mile on the upper side. Both hubs host the town's supermarkets and a variety of shops and department stores, a large selection of restaurants and a couple of bars. Frankton also has its own 9-hole golf course, the town's swimming pool and events centre, indoor go-karting, and a beach at Frankton Arm.

Arthurs Point (6kms from Queenstown)

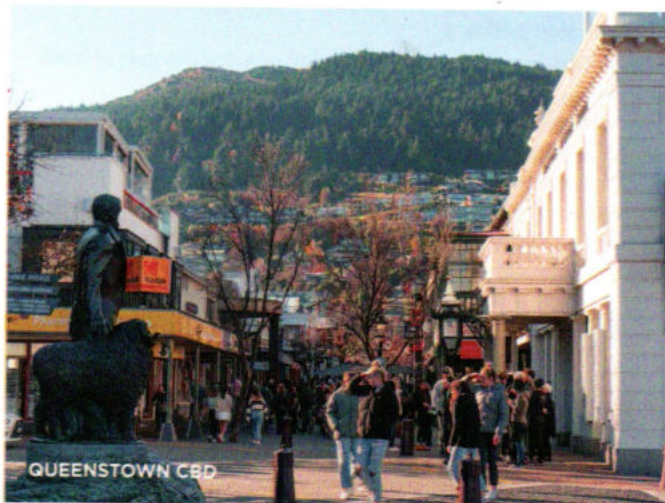
Arthurs Point is located just out of Queenstown on the back road to Arrowtown. Several activities operate in Arthurs Point along the scenic Shotover River, including Shotover Canyon Swing, where you can swing above the river on a bungee cord, and Shotover Jet (page 26) who offer thrilling jet boat rides through the canyons. Along Arthurs Point Road, there is Strike Bowl for ten-pin bowling and Onsen Hot Pools. There is also a gin tasting bar, breweries and restaurants.

Skippers Canyon (road starts 9kms from Queenstown)

The road to Skippers Canyon is a place that evokes many superlatives. Some say beautiful, some say dangerous, however, everyone agrees, it is impressive. Skippers Canyon was once one of the biggest settlements in the district during the gold rush of the 1860s, and today has become an attraction for tourists and locals. The Skippers Road is accessed off the road to Coronet Peak ski area (page 18). The road is a 13-kilometre, narrow, unsealed road that clings to the side of Skippers Canyon. With vertical drops on either side and the Shotover River below, it is a journey best done with professionals. Most rental companies forbid the use of their rental cars on the road. However, Pure Glenorchy (page 43) offer guided tours, and Skippers Canyon Jet (page 27) offers jet boating.

Arrowtown (19kms from Queenstown)

Arrowtown is a must-visit when in the region. This quirky, heritage gold-mining township oozes character. The town boasts amazing dining options, including Cuisine's 2022 Restaurant of the Year, Amisfield. There is also the Arrowtown Museum, boutique clothing stores, souvenir shopping and the historic Arrowtown Chinese Settlement. Arrowtown is also where you will



find three world-class golf courses. To find out more, visit the Arrowtown section on pages 60-63.

Macetown (road starts 19kms from Queenstown)

Macetown is a gold mining ghost town and one of the best-kept secrets in the region. This historic area is accessible via an off-road track along the gold-bearing Arrow River in Arrowtown. With over 22 river crossings both ways and steep, rough terrain, it is only accessible with a 4WD vehicle. Even then, it is not for the fainthearted. Keen locals will cycle or walk the Macetown trail, but we suggest an off-road tour is the best option. Pure Glenorchy offers guided trips (page 43).

Gibbston (28kms from Queenstown)

Gibbston is regarded as one of the leading wine-producing regions in Central Otago. Its ideal climate produces award-winning Pinot Noir. There are many wineries, cellar doors and restaurants throughout the valley. For more information, visit the Wineries & Wine Tours section on pages 50-53. Gibbston is also home to Oxbow Adventure Co. (page 41) where you'll find all the action of off-roading, jet boat sprints, and clay bird shooting.

Moke Lake (14kms from Queenstown)

Moke Lake is a hidden gem on the road to Glenorchy that is easily missed but shouldn't be overlooked. Time at Moke Lake is a chance to get away from it all, even though you're only 14kms from Queenstown. Surrounded by mountains, this tranquil lake is the perfect place for a relaxing picnic, a swim, or a walk around the two-hour loop track.

Glenorchy (46kms from Queenstown)

Glenorchy is a small town at the head of Lake Whakatipu with unbelievable scenery. The drive to Glenorchy is spectacular and a must-do, and with only one road in and out, a trip to Glenorchy is a true wilderness experience. The unparalleled scenery has featured in many Hollywood blockbusters,



most famously the Lord of the Rings trilogy. To find out more, visit the Glenorchy section on pages 64-67. Pure Glenorchy also offers LOTR tours and Glenorchy tours (page 43).

Crown Range Drive (68kms from Queenstown to Wanaka)

The Crown Range is the highest main road in New Zealand and the most popular way to get to Wanaka from Queenstown. The road zigzags up the steep Crown Terrace before heading over the Crown Range pass (1,121m) and down into the Cardrona Valley. It is a drive full of photo opportunities so leave plenty of time for the journey. Find out more info on pages 68-69.

Cardrona (46kms from Queenstown)

Cardrona is a small township in the Cardrona Valley between Queenstown and Wanaka. The settlement is steeped in gold mining heritage and is best known for its world-class ski fields (page 19). The historic Cardrona Hotel is a must-visit, as is the boutique Cardrona Distillery for delicious gin, vodka, and single malt whisky. You can find out more on pages 68-69.

Wanaka (68kms from Queenstown)

Just under an hour's drive from Queenstown is the picturesque town of Wanaka. With its stunning lakeside setting framed by mountain ranges, Wanaka is similar to Queenstown, just a little quieter. Browse the main streets for dining and shopping or relax on the beachfront. There is plenty of hiking and backcountry exploring as well as a trip to Hāwea and Lake Hāwea on the way to the West Coast. You can find out more on

pages 68-69. Wanaka is also home to the renowned Treble Cone ski field (page 20).

Cromwell and Central Otago (59kms from Queenstown)

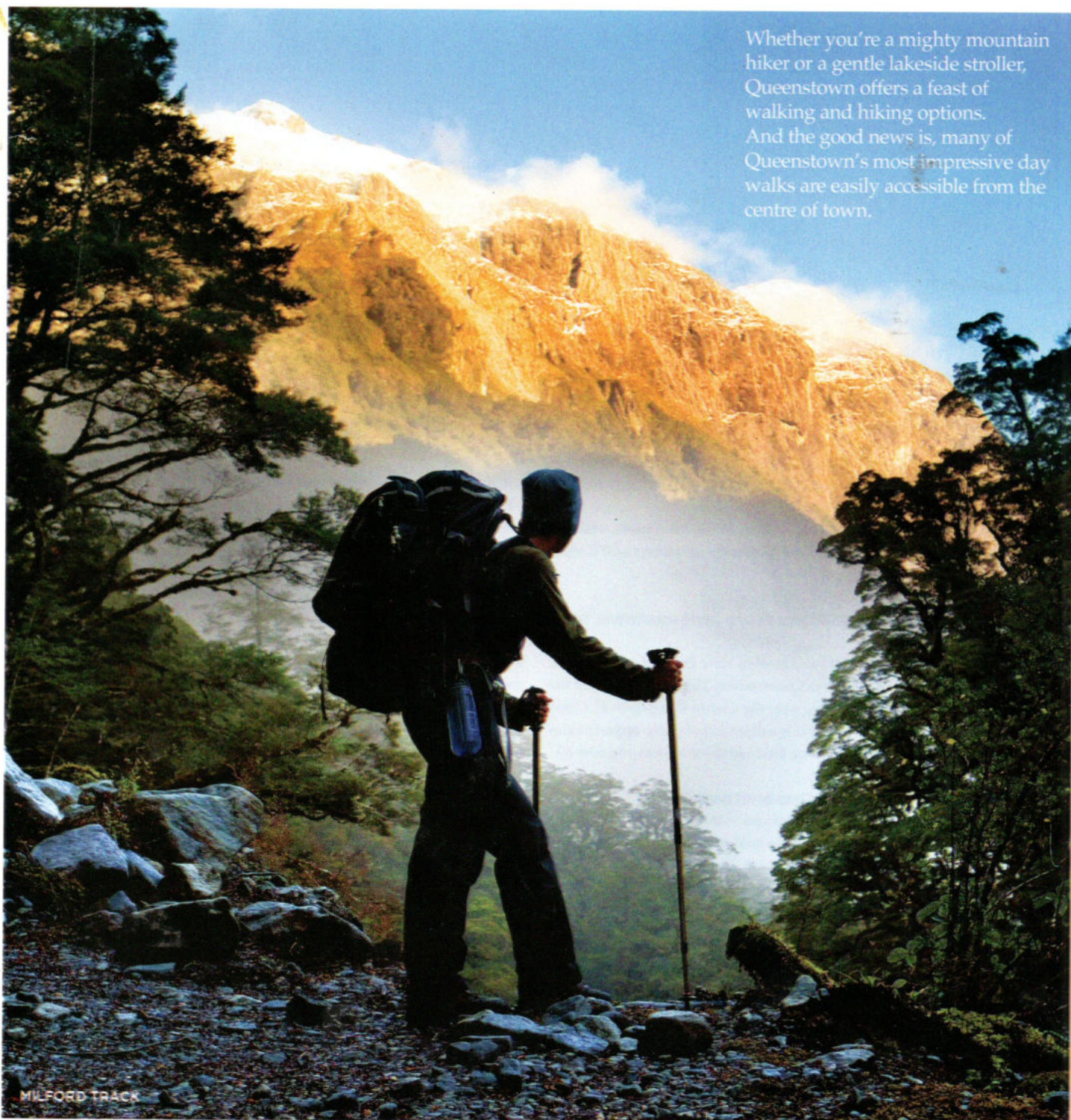
Cromwell can be done as a day trip from Queenstown via the Gibbston winery region or as a stop-off on the way back from Wanaka. Cromwell is one of New Zealand's largest fruit-growing regions, and you can sample its famous stone fruit at the local stalls and pick-your-own orchards. Cromwell's Highlands Motorsport Park is a world-class race track and motorsports museum with high-octane activities like go-karts and hot laps. Make sure you leave time to explore Gibbston and visit one (or more) of the many cellar doors along State Highway 6 on the way back to Queenstown. You can find out more on pages 68-69.

Fiordland (Te Anau, Milford Sound & Doubtful Sound)

Fiordland is home to what is often regarded as New Zealand's most spectacular natural wonders, Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound. Here, you will also find the picturesque township of Te Anau and many other jewels of the Fiordland National Park. Fiordland is accessible by a scenic flight to Milford Sound Airport or by driving from Queenstown to Te Anau and then either turning north towards Milford along the Milford Road, or South towards Manapouri and Doubtful Sound. No trip to Queenstown is complete without a flight or cruise through this World Heritage listed area. To find out more, see our Fiordland section on pages 70-75.

Walking & Hiking

Whether you're a mighty mountain hiker or a gentle lakeside stroller, Queenstown offers a feast of walking and hiking options. And the good news is, many of Queenstown's most impressive day walks are easily accessible from the centre of town.



MILFORD TRACK

You don't have to go far to see spectacular scenery in Queenstown. And the best way to soak up Queenstown's world-famous scenery is on foot. Queenstown offers everything from short, easy walks to multi-day hikes into the national parks. We have listed a few of the highlights below for you. Please make sure you check the weather conditions and snowfall before setting off on any of the walks.

Walks in and around Queenstown

Frankton Track

Take a relaxed lakeside stroll along the Frankton Track with spectacular views across Frankton Arm. The walk from central Queenstown to Frankton takes around an hour—or longer if you take advantage of a café (or beer) stop at Frankton Marina. If you want to continue the walk, then the trail continues to the end of Kelvin Heights.

Queenstown Gardens

The walk around Queenstown Gardens is a three-kilometre loop track through a spectacularly diverse setting with artworks, a duck pond and monuments. The botanical garden was established in 1866 and has been a much-loved treasure of the town ever since.

Queenstown Hill

This steep walk—considered one of Queenstown's best short walks—requires a good level of fitness. The track starts at Belfast Street above central Queenstown and follows a steady incline before finishing just above the tree line. Here, you can take in the jaw-dropping views over Lake Whakatipu and The Remarkables beyond.

Ben Lomond

At 1,748m, the summit of Ben Lomond offers dizzying lake and mountain views and is well worth the challenging hike to get there. Begin walking at One Mile Creek with the option to hike to Ben Lomond Saddle (3-4 hours return) or Ben Lomond Summit (6-8 hours return). Be prepared for snow above the bush line between April and November, and always check the weather conditions before setting off.

Moke Lake

Just 15 minutes from Queenstown, Moke Lake is an incredibly picturesque and tranquil spot. A six-kilometre loop track around the lake takes two to three hours to complete and can also be done by bike.

Great Walks near Queenstown

To access any of the Great Walks, you will need to travel to Glenorchy or Te Anau. There are a number of track transport services operating from Queenstown. While all the Great Walks are multi-day hikes, most offer the opportunity to do part of the track as a day walk.



ROUTE BURN TRACK - Photo by Great South



QUEENSTOWN HILL



BEN LOMOND



KEPLER TRACK - Photo by Great South

Milford Track

It takes four days and three nights to hike the Milford Track in Fiordland National Park. The world-renowned track covers 53 kilometres of spectacular scenery in a small section of Te Wāhipounamu – South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. The Milford Track is a journey through lush rainforest, along pristine rivers, lakes, and high alpine passes.

The Routeburn Track

This point-to-point walk can be hiked in either direction with the option to start in Fiordland at The Divide (85km from Te Anau) or from the

Routeburn Shelter (25km from Glenorchy). The Routeburn Track typically takes three days and two nights to complete. Alternatively, there are huts along the way where you can stay for the night and return if you just wanted a shorter day hike.

The Kepler Track

The Kepler Track is considered one of the most popular Great Walks in Fiordland, thanks to its proximity to the township of Te Anau. This three to four-day hike begins by Lake Te Anau and is renowned for an impressive diversity of scenery and the challenging hike up Mt Luxmore.

Winter Sports

Queenstown is the perfect destination to experience the magic of winter.



TREBLE CONE

As one of the premier skiing and snowboarding destinations in the Southern Hemisphere, Queenstown attracts thousands of visitors each winter season. While it's known for its world-class ski fields, Queenstown offers many other options for once-in-a-lifetime winter experiences.

Queenstown's ski history goes back to 1947 when local Queenstown Bill Hamilton installed a rope ski tow at Coronet Peak, heralding the start of the country's ski industry. Coronet Peak developed rapidly over the years, and by 1985 The Remarkables opened on the adjacent mountain range. Queenstown had staked its claim as a world-class snow destination.

Today, there are four ski fields close to Queenstown and several other options within a day's drive. A little further afield, small club fields like Ohau and Roundhill offer the authentic club field experience and a friendly, relaxed vibe.

Skiing and Snowboarding in Queenstown

Coronet Peak

Coronet Peak is one of New Zealand's most popular ski resorts, and for good reason. With over 700 hectares of skiable terrain, it's perfect for all levels of skiers and snowboarders, offering wide, open runs and some challenging black diamond runs for the more experienced skiers. Coronet Peak is just a 20-minute drive from Queenstown, making it an easy and convenient choice for those staying in town.

The Remarkables

Located just 45 minutes from Queenstown, The Remarkables offers a wide range of terrain for all levels of skiers and snowboarders, including some of the best terrain parks in the country. With breathtaking views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains, The Remarkables is a must-visit for your winter ski holiday.

Cardrona Alpine Resort

Cardrona is an hour's drive from Queenstown and home to one of the biggest terrain parks in the country. As well as offering features and jumps to keep even the most experienced park riders challenged, Cardrona has recently added an extra 65 hectares of skiable terrain at Willow Basin. With such diversity, it's no surprise Cardrona is loved by everyone, from beginners and families to Olympic athletes.

Treble Cone

Covering over 550 hectares, Treble Cone is known for its challenging terrain, steep runs and off-piste skiing. Most runs at Treble Cone are intermediate or above, making it a favourite for those who love their downhill. The views from the top are breathtaking, with stunning lake and mountain views in every direction.

Mt Hutt

Mt Hutt offers stunning views of the Canterbury Plains and a variety of runs catering to all skill levels. Mt Hutt is close to Christchurch, or a six-hour drive from Queenstown.

Other winter thrills

Not all winter thrills in Queenstown involve skis and snowboards.

Dog sledding with Over the Top

This once-in-a-lifetime experience allows you to ride on the snow with a team of Alaskan malamutes leading the way. The experience begins with a helicopter ride from Queenstown over Arrowtown and the Cardrona Valley before landing at Snow Farm. Here you'll meet your dogs, hook up the sled, and explore the high country trails for a truly incredible journey. You can find Over the Top Helicopters on page 34.

Heli-snowmobiling with Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters

It's double the adventure with an exhilarating heli-snowmobiling experience with Glacier

Southern Lakes Helicopters. The trip starts with a scenic helicopter flight over Queenstown before landing in exclusive snowmobiling terrain in the Garvie Plateau near the Nevis Valley. From here, you'll hop onto a snowmobile and zip through pristine snowfields. This thrilling adventure is suitable for all experience levels and is guided by experienced professionals. You can find Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters on page 35.

Heli-skiing

In winter, heli-skiing and heli-boarding are the most exciting way to find untouched powder. Harris Mountains Heli-ski boasts more than 400 runs to choose from across the Southern Alps, with options for all skill levels.

Transport options to the ski fields

There are several ways to get to the ski fields from Queenstown, including buses, private transport, and driving yourself. Buses are the most popular option, with several companies offering daily services to the ski fields. The buses typically depart from central Queenstown and offer return trips in the afternoon. Private



WINTER SPORTS

transport options, such as taxis and shuttles, are also available.

For a more luxurious experience, Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters and Over the Top Helicopters offer ski-field transfers providing a unique and unforgettable way to access the slopes.

If you're driving yourself to the ski fields, make sure you know the road conditions. Some ski field roads are sealed, but not all, and poor weather and ice often make conditions challenging. Ensure you always carry snow chains in your vehicle, as roads are often inaccessible without them.

Ski and snowboard rentals in Queenstown and on the ski fields

Ski and snowboard rentals are available in central Queenstown and on the ski fields. In Queenstown, several rental shops offer a wide range of equipment, including skis, snowboards, boots, and poles. Rental prices vary depending on the quality of the equipment and the length of time you need it.

All ski fields offer equipment for hire at the base of the mountain. It's often more convenient to rent your equipment on the ski field to avoid transporting it to and from Queenstown.

If you're looking to purchase your snow gear, there are many shops in Queenstown that specialise in winter sports equipment as well as the much-loved merino base layers made from premium merino wool.



CORONET PEAK

Off-piste relaxation

And at the end of the day, don't forget après-ski.

After a long day on the slopes, Queenstown offers a plethora of luxurious and relaxing activities to pamper weary bodies. You can cozy up by the fireplace at one of the many bars in town with a hot toddy or local craft beer. Many bars also offer delicious light bites or share plates, perfect for refuelling after a day on the snow.

Queenstown has many spas where you can relax and unwind as skilled therapists soothe tired muscles and rejuvenate your body and mind. For the ultimate indulgence, try Onsen Hot Pools. Nestled in the mountains overlooking the Shotover River Canyon, these private pools provide an escape from the hustle and bustle of town while taking in stunning views before you.



CARDRONA

Find Your Freedom



Loved by the young and the young at heart. The big mountain experience awaits you at The Remarkables.

Come find your freedom as you drop into sun-soaked bowls and world renowned chutes, or send it in one of our seven parks. We are also home to the legendary Burton Stash - one of only six worldwide and the only one in the Southern Hemisphere.

Progressive terrain makes The Remarkables a must for first timers to professional freeride and freestyle athletes.

Located a 45 minute drive from central Queenstown, The Remarkables offers terrain and facilities to suit everyone. Drive yourself up, ride share or catch the Ski Bus (bookings required).

Lessons and equipment rental are also available on the mountain, this includes performance skis too, but please book in advance.

A modern base facility and amazing views are just the beginning, bring the family or come on up with your mates.

2023 Season: 17th June – 8th October
Daily operations 9 am – 4 pm
Afternoon Pass 12:30 pm – 4 pm

Mountain Stats:

- » 468M Vertical drop
- » 4x Chairlifts
- » 4x Conveyor Surface Lifts
- » Restaurant
- » Cafe
- » 2x Bars
- » Ski & Snowboard Lessons/Coaching
- » Ski & Snowboard rental
- » Retail shop
- » Scenic chairlift rides to "The Lookout" for those that are not skiing or riding

Please check our Snow Report on our website before heading up the mountain for the latest conditions.



Come find your freedom as you drop into sunsoaked bowls and world renowned chutes, or send it in one of our seven parks.

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Lift Pass	\$159	\$99		9 am - 4 pm
Group Lesson	\$159	\$159		10 am - 3.30 pm
Ski & Snowboard Rental	\$60	\$50		9 am - 4 pm
First Timer Package	\$219	\$199		10 am - 3.30 pm
Ski Bus - must be booked in advanced	\$25	\$25	From 8 am	

Child rates are 6 - 15. Children 5 and under ski for free. Lift Passes and Rentals have multiple day savings. The more days you buy the more you save!

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

The Home of Good Times



As New Zealand's first commercial ski field, we have led the way since 1947, pioneering Night Skiing and the country's longest ski day when combined with First Tracks.

Located just 20 minutes from the centre of Queenstown, Coronet Peak is one of New Zealand's most exciting ski resort destinations and easy to get to. Drive yourself up or catch the Ski Bus (advanced bookings required).

Suitable for all ages, cruise down roller coaster terrain with amazing views over Queenstown in the distance. Stop for a mulled wine and delicious pizza on the deck. Roaring fires, DJs spinning and all around good vibes.

Night Ski runs from 21 June till 1 September every Wednesday and Friday night and on the three school holiday Saturdays 4pm - 9pm to put a Queenstown spin on après ski that you don't want to miss.

For your little ones, we offer Skiiland, a Ski School and Early Learning Centre for ages 2 - 5.

Lessons and equipment rental are also available on the mountain, this includes performance skis too, but please make sure that you book in advance.

2023 Season: 16th June - 24th September
Open Daily: 9 am - 4 pm
First Tracks: 8 - 9 am (3rd July - 1st Sept)
Afternoon Pass: 12:30 pm - 4 pm

Mountain Stats:

- » 462M Vertical Drop
- » 3x Modern and Fast Chairlifts
- » 1x T-Bar
- » 4x Conveyor Surface Lifts
- » 2x Restaurants
- » 2x Bars
- » Cafe
- » Ski & Snowboard Lessons/Coaching
- » Ski & Snowboard rental
- » Retail shop
- » Gondola for scenic rides to the summit

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Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Lift Pass	\$159	\$99		9 am - 4 pm
Group Lesson	\$159	\$159		10 am - 3.30 pm
Ski & Snowboard Rental	\$60	\$50		9 am - 4 pm
First Timer Package	\$219	\$199		10 am - 3.30 pm
Ski Bus - must be booked in advanced	\$25	\$25	From 8 am	

Child rates are 6-15. Children 5 and under ski for free. Lift Passes and Rentals have multiple day savings. The more days you buy the more you save! Night Ski is available at Coronet Peak 4pm - 9pm Wed, Fri and some Saturday Nights

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Are you in?

CARDRONA
ALPINE RESORT / NEW ZEALAND



Discover New Zealand's most popular ski area when you take a trip to Cardrona Alpine Resort, where everyone's a VIP. Perfect for all beginners, families and even Olympic and X Games athletes, Cardrona's three vast basins are home to wide, open terrain as well as the Southern Hemisphere's most extensive terrain parks and pipes. With our high altitude and innovative snow management systems, our snow conditions are some of NZ's best. Find Cardrona located between Wānaka and Queenstown, and take in unbeatable views across the Southern Alps.

Fantastic for families

With a supportive team on a wide range of progressive terrain, Cardrona is a natural choice for families and beginners in the snow sports world.

- » Leaders in kids' facilities: with childcare from 3 months to 14 years, including a fully licensed early childcare centre
- » Learner conveyors, McDougall's Chondola (chairlift-gondola) and friendly instructors
- » Our Under 5s lessons can start teaching kids to ski as soon as they can walk!
- » 8 different cafés and restaurants, Cardrona has more dining choices than any other ski resort in the country with exceptional quality

World-class facilities

- » The most extensive terrain parks in the Southern Hemisphere with 4 terrain parks at

progressive levels

- » World Cup Slopestyle course
- » Home to Australasia's only 22ft Olympic standard Halfpipe, a 12-14ft International Halfpipe and a giant Big Air jump

Mountain Stats

- » Highest lifted point: 1860m
- » Longest run: 4.2km
- » Skiable area: 465 ha

Travel

- » Drive time from Wānaka: 34km (approx. 35 minutes)
- » Drive time from Queenstown: 58km (approx. 60 minutes)
- » Access road shuttles are free of charge from the bottom of the mountain

Trailblazers in sustainability

- » There is 0 PET at Cardrona and our sister mountain, Treble Cone.
- » In 2021 we removed public-facing landfill bins – pack in and pack out
- » Your food scraps and compostable packaging goes to our compost facility to make nutritious plant food
- » We are active in Kea and Kārearea conservation

Winter season: June 17 – October 22, 2023

(Subject to snow, weather and operating conditions)

Operating hours: 8.30 am – 4 pm daily



A Package For Everyone	Adult	Child	Duration
First Timer Package (includes learners lift ticket, rentals and a full day lesson)	\$200	\$153	Lessons begin at 10.30am and run until 3.45pm with a 45 minute lunch break.
Full Day Package (includes full day lift pass, full day lesson and rentals)	\$290	\$220	Lessons begin at 10.30am and run until 3.45pm with a 45 minute lunch break.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Take Fun Seriously



As the South Island's largest ski area, Treble Cone offers skiers and snowboarders 550ha of terrain and 700m of vertical. Known for its long and uncrowded groomed runs, legendary off-piste terrain, and unrivalled views over Lake Wānaka and the Southern Alps, Treble Cone is a must-do experience for skiers and snowboarders.

Terrain

- » Uncrowded groomed runs. With some of New Zealand's longest-groomed trails, you have the freedom to roam at your leisure.
- » Legendary off-piste terrain. A playground of open powder faces and natural halfpipes, as well as unrivalled steep and challenging terrain on offer for advanced and expert riders.
- » Stunning backdrop. It's not just the terrain that will take your breath away, the views out over the Southern Alps and Lake Wānaka will too!

Take your skills to the next level

- » Treble Cone's unique terrain opens up a whole new pathway to skiers and snowboarders that want to push their abilities on and off-piste.
- » Treble Cone's long groomed trails mean more time spent riding and less time on the lift.
- » Private lessons available for all levels.

Mountain Stats

- » Summit Elevation: 2088m
- » Lift Elevation: 1960m
- » Base Elevation: 1260m
- » Longest Run: 4km

Travel

- » Drive time from Wānaka: 23km (approx. 35 minutes)
- » Drive time from Queenstown: 91km (approx. 90 minutes)
- » 7km drive up gravel mountain road – free shuttle service from the bottom

Sustainability

- » There is 0 PET at Treble Cone and our sister mountain, Cardrona
- » In 2021 we removed public-facing landfill bins – pack in and pack out
- » We are active in Kea and Kārearea conservation

Winter Season: 24 June – 24 September 2023
(Subject to snow, weather and operating conditions)

Operating hours: 8.30 am – 4 pm daily

The South Island's largest
ski area...



A Package For Everyone	Adult	Child	Duration
First Timer Package (includes learners lift ticket, rentals and a full day lesson)	\$200	\$153	Lessons begin at 10.30am and run until 3.45pm with a 45 minute lunch break.
Full Day Package (includes full day lift pass, full day lesson and rentals)	\$290	\$220	Lessons begin at 10.30am and run until 3.45pm with a 45 minute lunch break.

To check
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please ask your
concierge or at
reception.

Your Mountain



Mt Hutt has been voted New Zealand's best ski resort eight years running at the World Ski Awards.

A true alpine experience, with wide-open terrain, leg-burning runs, monster snowfalls, and spectacular views. You've not skied in New Zealand until you've skied Hutt.

Celebrating 50 years in 2023, Mt Hutt is a ski area that is full of kiwi character. We have a winter stacked with events for everyone to celebrate 50 years of skiing.

Mt Hutt is located close to the town of Methven in Canterbury, about 90 minutes from Christchurch International Airport. There is a bookable bus service from Methven to Mt Hutt, or you can drive yourself up the mountain. Please check the road and weather conditions on the website before heading up.

Lessons and equipment rental are also available on the mountain, this includes performance skis too, but please book in advance.

Amazing views are just the beginning, bring the family or come on up with your mates.

2023 Season: 9th June – 15th October
Daily operations 9 am – 4 pm
Afternoon Pass 12:30 pm – 4 pm
First Tracks 8 am – 9 am on weekends from July 1

Mountain Stats:

- » 683M Vertical Drop
- » 3x Chairlifts
- » 2x Surface Conveyor Lifts
- » 2x Restaurants
- » Cafe
- » 2x Bars
- » Alpine Spa
- » Ski & Snowboard Lessons/Coaching
- » Ski & Snowboard rental
- » Retail shop
- » Scenic chairlift rides for those that are not skiing or riding

Please check our Snow Report on our website before heading up the mountain for the latest conditions.



Mt Hutt has been voted New Zealand's best ski resort eight years running at the World Ski Awards

Experience	Adult	Child	Duration
Lift Pass	\$159	\$99	9 am - 4 pm
Group Lesson	\$159	\$159	10 am - 3.30 pm
Ski & Snowboard Rental	\$60	\$50	9 am - 4 pm
First Timer Package	\$219	\$199	10 am - 3.30 pm
Private Coaching - Half Day	\$589	\$589	

Child rates are 6 - 15. Children 5 and under ski for free. Lift Passes and Rentals have multiple day savings. The more days you buy the more you save! Private Coaching includes up to 6 people

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Water Activities

With lakes and rivers in every direction, Queenstown abounds with incredible water activity options. From high adrenaline thrills to relaxing scenic cruises, the only challenge water lovers will have here is deciding what to do



Situated on Lake Whakatipu and set amongst a spectacular array of rivers, canyons and fiords, Queenstown is an ideal destination for water and lake activities. Whether it's a leisurely scenic boat cruise on the lake or a thrilling adrenaline-pumping experience on the river, this region has you covered.

The rivers around Lake Whakatipu are buzzing with activity all year round. From the iconic jet boats and their 360-degree spins, the fun of whitewater rafting, river-surfing, and kayaking, to the simple pleasure of fun-yakking, there will always be something happening on the water.

Queenstown is also the main base for exploring the world-renowned Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound in Fiordland. Visitors come from around the world to cast their eyes upon these spectacular natural wonders. With Queenstown just a four-hour drive or a 45-minute flight from Fiordland, there's no excuse to miss these incredible fiords. See the Fiordland section on page 70 to find out more.

There are so many water activities on offer in and around Queenstown, it's impossible to select just one. We recommend you take the plunge and sample a few to fully appreciate the Queenstown experience.

Perhaps the most popular water-based activity in the region is jet boating. The jet boat was invented in the 1950s by New Zealand farmer Sir William Hamilton who needed to traverse the fast-flowing Canterbury rivers. These rivers were too shallow for a standard propeller boat, so with a bit of Kiwi ingenuity, Hamilton came up with a new way of navigating the rivers. Since then, jet boats and their waterjet propulsion system have become synonymous with New Zealand and have allowed both Kiwis and tourists to explore otherwise inaccessible rivers and remote locations.

In Queenstown, you'll see the jet boats zipping up and down the Shotover and Kawarau rivers and across Lake Whakatipu. These boats can reach speeds of up to 95km/h, operate in as little as 5cm of water and are guaranteed fun. Jet boats are able to stop almost instantly, perform 360-degree spins and travel only inches away from the sheer rockface of a river canyon. These machines will not leave you disappointed.

Or, if you are a true thrill seeker, look no further than Oxbow Adventure Co.'s Jet Sprint experience (page 41). These custom-built sprint boats go from 0-100km/h in just 2.5s whilst pulling 3-4 G-forces.

See the breakdown of rivers and lakes to the right, and on the next page, to find out where each company operates.



SKIPPER'S CANYON JET

Lake Whakatipu

Carved out during the last ice age 15,000 years ago, Lake Whakatipu is around 80kms long and 5kms wide at its widest point. From the air, the lake is an S-shape and stretches from Glenorchy to Kingston. Lake Whakatipu is set amongst many impressive mountain ranges, most notably, The Remarkables. Intriguingly Lake Whakatipu has many tributaries but just one outflow.

When it comes to water activities in Queenstown, it's not all high speeds and high thrills. One of Queenstown's most popular experiences is a lake cruise on the steamship TSS Earnslaw. The 'Lady of the Lake', or Ernie as the locals know her, is a 1912 Edwardian twin screw steamer and one of the oldest remaining tourist attractions in the region. Before the construction of roads to Queenstown, the TSS Earnslaw was a vital transport vessel. She transported sheep, cattle, and passengers on their way to the surrounding high-country stations. These days, 'Ernie' takes tourists on a scenic cruise across Lake Whakatipu to the Walter Peak high-country farm.



REALNZ - TSS EARNSLAW STEAMSHIP

Lake Whakatipu operators

- » RealNZ – TSS Earnslaw Steamship (page 25)
- » KJet – Jet boating (page 28)
- » KJet – Time Tripper underwater cinema (page 28)
- » RealNZ – Jet boating (page 29)

WATER ACTIVITIES

Shotover River

The fast-flowing Shotover River begins as run-off from the mountain ranges beyond Queenstown and runs south for 75kms before flowing into the Kawarau River. The Shotover River was once known as one of the richest gold-bearing rivers in the world and was at the epicentre of the Queenstown gold rush in the late 1800s. While the gold miners are long gone, there are many remnants left behind from the thousands of prospectors who once called this area home. Some of the district's best-kept historical sites and gold mining artefacts are found in Skippers Canyon at the top of the Shotover River. Skippers Canyon Jet operates jet boat trips in this section of the Shotover River.

Further down the river, near Arthurs Point, Shotover Jet operates in the narrow but impressive Shotover River canyons. Not far from here, you'll find the Shotover Canyon Swing and its adrenaline-fuelled zipline experience (for those who are brave enough). The lower section of the river is the playground of both Shotover Jet and KJet, who spin and speed their way through the shallow winding river before it finally meets the Kawarau River.



Shotover River operators

- » Shotover Jet – Jet boating (page 26)
- » Skippers Canyon Jet – Jet boating (page 27)
- » KJet – Jet boating (page 28)



Kawarau River operators

- » KJet – Jet boating (page 28)
- » RealNZ – Jet boating (page 29)

Kawarau River

The Kawarau River is the only river flowing out of Lake Whakatipu. It makes its way in an easterly direction for 60kms, flowing through the steep Kawarau Gorge, before joining Lake Dunstan in Cromwell. The river has multiple rapids and strong currents and has established a reputation as an adventure seekers' playground. Both KJet and RealNZ operate jet boats on the Kawarau River, with RealNZ offering experiences in the summer. Serious Fun Riverboarding offers river surfing, boarding and drifting.

And if you're feeling extra brave, why not take the leap? AJ Hackett operates a 43m bungy jump off the Kawarau Bridge—with the option to add a dip in the river as part of your jump. The Kawarau bungy was the world's first commercial bungy operation. The experience is as popular as ever today for thrill-seekers but also offers a less heart-stopping option with its 130m zipride at the same location.

Dart River / Te Awa Whakatipu

The Dart River, or Te Awa Whakatipu, runs for 60kms from the Dart Glacier in the UNESCO World Heritage Area of Mt Aspiring National Park through the Dart River Valley and aptly named Paradise, before finally flowing into Lake Whakatipu at Glenorchy. The braided river navigates through ancient native beech forests and imposing mountain ranges, which became world-famous for featuring in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Ngāi Tahu is the only operator allowed to run trips on the Dart River and offers jet boat and funyak (a type of inflatable kayak) experiences through this magnificent landscape.



Dart River / Te Awa Whakatipu operators

- » Dart River Adventures – Jet boating and Fun-Yakking (page 66)
- » High Country Horses - Horse trekking (page 67)

Bringing you closer to nature



Enjoy a relaxing cruise across Lake Whakatipu aboard the vintage TSS Earnslaw Steamship and disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm, a gateway to the beautiful backcountry beyond.

On the cruise across, and on the shores of Walter Peak, you can enjoy Lake Whakatipu's distinctly clear waters with an exclusive and unique view of Queenstown. A cruise to Walter Peak is an irresistible journey to satisfy your mind, heart and stomach with either the option to indulge in gourmet BBQ dining, or experience a rural farm tour with fresh afternoon tea. Visit Queenstown's best dining secret and enjoy an entirely unique perspective.

The TSS Earnslaw is inactive for a period of time in the winter months for its annual maintenance. At this time, an alternative boat will take you across to Walter Peak. Please check our website realnz.com for up-to-date sailing times.

Walter Peak Farm Tour

After a cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm, disembark and explore our farm with a friendly and informative rural host. A perfect day out for the whole family.

- » Take a guided tour of Walter Peak High Country Farm
- » Pet and feed friendly farm animals
- » Impressive working sheepdog demonstration
- » Freshly baked afternoon tea and refreshments from our Homestead

TSS Earnslaw Cruise and Gourmet BBQ Dining

Explore Queenstown's delicious cuisine beyond its shores, and cruise across to Walter Peak, an ultimate dining destination. Different to your typical dining experience, enjoy the perfect plate inside the historic Colonel's Homestead, or on the veranda looking out at the mountain vistas.

- » Lakeside dining in the Colonel's Homestead
- » Local and fresh meats cooked on the open grill, with vegetable dishes, salads and more
- » Famous, mouth-watering desserts

TSS Earnslaw Cruise

Cruise on a piece of New Zealand history and take a voyage across Lake Whakatipu on the oldest twin-screw passenger-carrying Steamship in the Southern Hemisphere. Relax in the best seats in Queenstown as Lake Whakatipu rolls by. With phenomenal mountain vistas outside, and historic engine rooms and décor inside, your cruise onboard Queenstown's 'Lady of the Lake' will be an unforgettable moment in Queenstown.

- » Cruise across Lake Whakatipu
- » Panoramic views of mountains
- » Licensed bar and café onboard

RealNZ Terms and Conditions

Check in 20 minutes prior to departure. 24 hours notice required for refund. Prices and schedules are correct at the time of print. RealNZ reserves the right to amend timetables, cancel departures, substitute plant / equipment and alter ticket prices at any time.



Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Cruise + Walter Peak Farm Tour	\$130	\$55	Multiple	Allow up to 4 hours
Cruise + Walter Peak BBQ Lunch	\$145	\$75	Multiple	Allow up to 4 hours
Cruise + Walter Peak BBQ Dinner	\$165	\$85	Multiple	Allow up to 4 hours
TSS Earnslaw Cruise	\$80	\$40	Multiple	2 hours

Child rates (5 – 15 years), infants (0 – 4 years) travel free

To check
availability
please ask your
concierge or at
reception.

The iconic Queenstown jet boat experience



There is only one way to experience the beautiful Shotover River canyons – buckle up for the world's most exciting jet boat ride with Shotover Jet!

Our high-performance boats travel up to 90 kilometres an hour in as little as 10 centimetres of water. As the narrow canyon walls tower over you, your expert driver puts the state-of-the-art jet boat through its paces, riding the rapids and performing thrilling stunts within a hair's breadth of the awe-inspiring cliff faces.

Ngāi Tahu, the Māori people of this land are the proud owners of Shotover Jet and have a connection to Kimiākau (the Shotover River) which goes back centuries. Before the arrival of Europeans, our tīpuna (ancestors) would use this network of awa (rivers) to gather food, plants and pounamu (greenstone/jade). No one knows this place like we do, let us take you on an adventure you'll never forget.

You're in safe hands

- » Shotover Jet has a strong focus on safety
- » Our fleet of twin V8-engine jet boats are built to the highest safety standards and undergo an unparalleled maintenance and risk management programme
- » Our high-performance boats are designed specifically for the Shotover canyon
- » Our drivers train for more than double the number of hours required by industry standards
- » Shotover Jet is the only operator permitted to take manuhihi (customers) through the spectacular Shotover canyons

Our high-performance boats travel up to 90 kilometres an hour...

What to expect

- » A thrilling 25-minute journey from the moment you leave the jetty
- » At peak times jet boat departures occur every 15 minutes
- » Our jet boats carry a maximum of 14 passengers
- » Shotover Jet is located 6kms from Queenstown. There is plenty of free parking on site

Be prepared

- » Mandatory life jackets are supplied
- » Eyewear is recommended all year round
- » Dress warmly. We recommend a jacket, hat and gloves
- » Onsite facilities include parking, retail, toilets, secure lockers, viewing areas and a neighbouring restaurant
- » The only cameras permitted on board our jet boats are forehead mounted hands-free GoPro or similar
- » Children must be a minimum height of 1 metre or 1.2 metres for certain river conditions (Simply call us prior to your trip if you require more information)
- » This experience is not recommended if you are pregnant
- » If you have any specific medical conditions or suffer from back or neck problems, please tell us when you book your tickets so we can assess and advise your suitability to ride with us



To check
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reception.

Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
Shotover Jet	\$139	\$77	\$355	Every hour	25 minutes

Opening hours are 9am - 5pm (first trip 10am and last trip 4pm). Family pass is 2 adults and 2 children. Open 7 days a week. Shotover Jet offers Combo Deals where you can package the Shotover Jet with another amazing Queenstown experience. Please enquire for more information.

Queenstown's ultimate jet boat adventure



Come with Skippers Canyon Jet and experience unbeatable value as you are taken on a spectacular guided tour of Skippers Canyon followed by a thrilling jet boat ride through the narrowest canyons on the Shotover River.

The Jet Boat Tour begins with a guided drive into historic Skippers Canyon with on board commentary from our knowledgeable drivers. You will be escorted into a land rich in gold mining history and stunning scenery via the infamous Skippers Road which was carved out of the vertical rock face by miners over 130yrs ago. Getting to the boat is half the adventure!

Once on the boat you will feel your adrenalin surge as you power deeper into Skippers Canyon through the most dramatic canyons on the Shotover River. Our highly skilled jet boat drivers manoeuvre the boat just inches from the sheer canyon walls and keep the excitement levels high with speeds in excess of 80kmh and a series of full 360 degree spins.

Skippers Canyon Jet Boat Tour is the only jet boat ride where you get to experience historic gold mining relics that still remain in the river and Lord of the Rings locations.

Come with Skippers Canyon Jet for an experience like no other.

What to bring

- » Please dress for the conditions on the day
- » Dress warm and bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water and sunglasses
- » If it's Winter or cold outside, then dress extra warm!!

How to get there

- » Pick up is from the bus stop on the Camp St side of the Station Building in central Queenstown.
- » Please be ready to depart 10mins before trip departure time

Package includes

- » Guided tour into Skippers Canyon
- » Informative commentary from our knowledgeable bus drivers
- » 30 minute jet boating experience on the upper Shotover River
- » Spectacular scenery and photo opportunities
- » Spray jackets and life jackets for the jet boat trip
- » Return transport to central Queenstown

Important information

- » This is a true backcountry experience - getting there is half the fun!
- » We recommend using the toilet in the Station Building before departing Queenstown
- » Please advise if you have any medical conditions, back problems, or are pregnant



Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
The Jet Boat Tour (Oct - April)	\$189	\$89	\$378	8.30 am, 12 pm, 3.30 pm	2.5 - 3 hours
The Jet Boat Tour (May - Sept)	\$189	\$89	\$378	9 am & 1 pm	2.5 - 3 hours

Family Pack is 2 Adults and 1 Child. Child age is 3-15yrs. Departs from the bus stop on the Camp St side of The Station Building by wooden benches. Be ready to go 10mins before departure time.

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Jet boat the mighty Shotover & Kawarau Rivers



The Original Jet Boat Ride!

Take on the world's first commercial jet boat ride. The biggest, fastest, and most exciting Jet boat ride was born in the summer of 1958 and has been thrilling customers ever since.

One Epic Ride

Get ready for an insane 60-minute high speed Jet boat ride thundering across three waterways traveling at speeds of up to 95kph in the fastest and meanest Jet boats in town. Blast across Lake Wakatipu and down the world-famous Shotover and Kawarau Rivers with 45km of unforgettable thrills, 360° spins and exhilaration in one of the world's most stunning locations. Experience real Jet boating in water that's less than 5cm deep in places.

Two Mighty Rivers

Get more bang for your buck with two stunning rivers: the shallow braided channels of the Shotover River and deep green waters of the Kawarau River, complete with lots of thrilling 360° spins.

When and where

Departing every hour on the hour from the Main Town Pier and Frankton Marina, 365 days a year.

Will I get wet?

Part of the fun with Jet boating is the spray and drama! We recommend you bring your own waterproof jacket and sunglasses.

A ride on KJet, is an hour of your life you'll never forget

We capture every Jet boat ride with our high-tech photo and video equipment, so you can hold on tight for those thrilling 360° spins and sit back and enjoy the ride.

Time Tripper Underwater Experience

Discover what's hidden under Lake Wakatipu. Located at the Main Town Pier, Time Tripper is a 30-minute underwater experience including a state-of-the-art animated movie and 15 minutes of underwater viewing where you can see the diving ducks, slinky eels and massive trout.

Time Tripper tells the story of the creation of the Wakatipu region, starting 90 million years ago when dinosaurs roamed the earth, taking the viewer through to present day Queenstown. It's the only place in Queenstown that visually tells the story of the legend of Lake Wakatipu.

Time Tripper is suitable for all ages. Sessions are every quarter past and quarter to the hour from 9.45am till late.



Live Fast. Play Loud.

Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
KJet departing Main Town Pier	\$129	\$69	\$307	10 am - 6 pm	1 hour
KJet departing Frankton Marina	\$129	\$69	\$307	10 am - 6 pm	45 minutes
Time Tripper Underwater Experience	\$15	\$8		9.45 am - late	30 minutes

KJet child age is 5-14 years, infant age is 2-4 years and travel free with an accompanying adult. Family pack is for 2 adults and 2 children. Time Tripper child age is 3-14 years, infants 0-2 are free and may need to sit on a caregivers lap.

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Bringing you closer to nature



**Whakatipu Waimāori
Queenstown**



Want to tick off a bucket-list experience in Queenstown's hidden backyard? Jump onto our jet boat and let us show you a real adventure.

Queenstown Jet

Experience real exhilaration and jump straight into the adventure from the heart of Queenstown. Explore Lake Whakatipu and the Kawarau River when you skim along the waters, past cliff faces and through the shallows. If the unique landscapes don't take your breath away, the speed certainly will, with speeds of 95kmph, V8 engine-powered Jet Boats, and expert drivers spinning you 360 degrees. Let us get your adrenaline pumping.

25 min ride

Want a taste of the adventure but not the whole journey? Our 25-minute journey is the perfect mini-adventure for the whole family.

- » Jet Boat pristine Lake Whakatipu and under the Kawarau Bridge
- » Entertaining commentary from our pro jetboat drivers
- » Regular departures to suit your itinerary
- » Frequent photo opportunities with stunning backdrops

1 hr ride

For those looking for even more zoom, the 60-minute ride will take you to places inaccessible by road or foot.

- » A 1 hour ride going the furthest down the Kawarau River, a total of 44kms
- » Skim along the Remarkables Mountain Range, through shallow waters, high cliffs, and winding channels
- » Story-telling commentary by our pro drivers

What to bring

Please bring sensible clothing and footwear. You are more than welcome to wear your sunglasses, hats and other accessories should they be securely fastened to your body – if they fly off, we can't pick them up. Don't forget to bring your camera, Go Pro's and video devices (at own risk). Selfie sticks are also welcome. We want to see your adventure!

RealNZ Terms and Conditions

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. 24 hours notice required for refund. Prices and schedules are correct at the time of print. RealNZ reserves the right to amend timetables, cancel departures, substitute plant/ equipment and alter ticket prices at any time.



If the unique landscapes don't take your breath away, the speed certainly will, with speeds of 95kmph, twin V8 engine-powered Jet Boats, and expert drivers spinning you 360 degrees.

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
25 minute Queenstown Jet	\$99	\$49	Multiple	25 minutes
1 hour Queenstown Jet	\$119	\$59	Multiple	1 hour

Queenstown Jet child rates are for 5-15 year olds

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Air Activities



Surrounded by national parks, much of Queenstown's incredible scenery is inaccessible by road. The solution? Take to the skies.

There is no shortage of incredible wilderness areas to explore from Queenstown. Ten out of New Zealand's 13 national parks are located in the South Island, and Mt Aspiring National Park and the 1.2 million hectares of Fiordland National Park are situated on Queenstown's doorstep. While you are spoilt for choice, the challenge is often accessing this landscape predominately made up of steep mountain ranges, glaciers, lakes and dense forest. This is why scenic flights are so popular in Queenstown. A helicopter or fixed-wing plane is the best way to see the incredible landscape surrounding Queenstown.

With so many directions to fly in and so many different landscapes to visit, each of the scenic flight operators offer a unique twist on flightseeing trips and ways to make the most of the scenery. Helicopters provide an opportunity to land in a remote location or connect with another activity like a jet boat trip or 4WD tour. Or you can do something truly unforgettable like land on a glacier, picnic on a mountain top, access a remote river for wilderness fly fishing or fly to a vineyard for a private tour with the winemaker. A fixed-wing flight allows you to reach destinations like Fiordland or the West Coast. You can get there faster, spend longer enjoying what's to see, and add the wow factor to your holiday. And if you want to take the wow factor to the next level, there are also the many adventure activities to be done from the air, like paragliding, hang gliding, parasailing, hot air ballooning and the ultimate thrill, skydiving.

Winery flights

A visit to the wineries of Gibbston Valley is one of the most popular activities in Queenstown. And the only thing better than a day amongst the vines sampling wine and eating beautiful food is to arrive by helicopter. Over the Top offers a high-end day involving a heli flight to a vineyard for a private meeting with the winemaker to hear first-hand how the grapes are grown and the wine is produced. And, of course, a gourmet lunch is part of the trip.



OVER THE TOP

Queenstown Flights

Queenstown Airport is the base for the region's many scenic flight operators that run helicopter and fixed-wing excursions. Flights operate around the Whakatipu Basin as well as further destinations like Fiordland for Milford Sound and the West Coast for the glaciers.

Closer to Queenstown, one of the most popular trips is a scenic helicopter flight over The Remarkables. The flight allows you to take in a whole lot of scenery over Lake Whakatipu, the surrounding peaks like Walter and Cecil Peak, the Crown Range, and of course, The Remarkables. For a touch of indulgence, you can choose to include a landing with a glass of bubbles and a picnic.

A little further from Queenstown is Skippers Canyon. This flight takes you from Queenstown Airport over Coronet Peak, along the Shotover River and the sheer sides of the Skippers Canyon, once a bustling gold mining township in the late 19th century. Both Over the Top and Glacier Southern Lakes offer a selection of Queenstown scenic flights incorporating The Remarkables and Skippers Canyon.

Glenorchy is located at the head of Lake Whakatipu and a scenic flight to this incredible destination has so much to offer. Breathtaking hardly begins to describe the areas around Glenorchy, Paradise and Mt Aspiring National Park. A flight into this area offers a range of options, including glacier landings and Lord of the Rings locations.





TRUE SOUTH FLIGHTS

Flights around the South Island

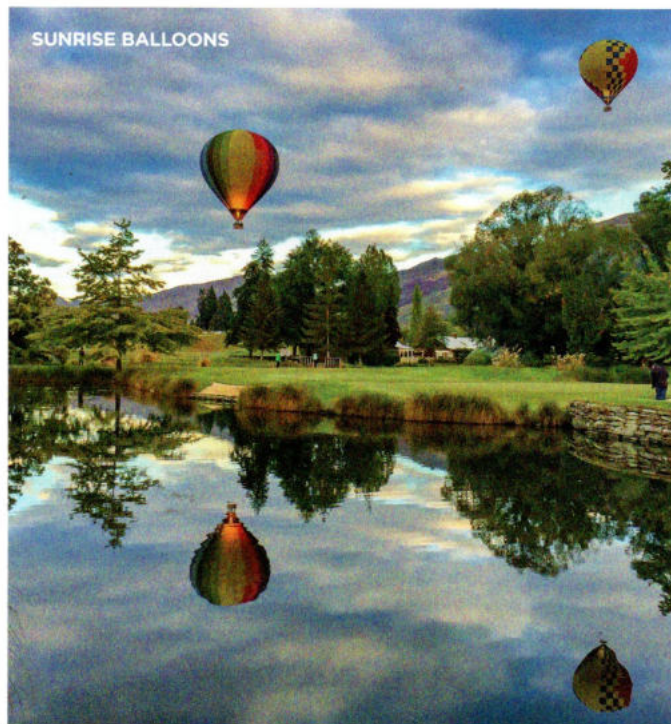
Helicopter and fixed-wing flights give you the chance to get further into the incredible landscapes that are either inaccessible by vehicle or require a serious hike. One of the top destinations for a scenic flight is Fiordland. This UNESCO World Heritage area is truly remarkable, especially when seen from above. From a helicopter or plane, you can soak in the full spectacle of the vast forest, hidden alpine lakes and the many hundreds of glaciers.

Milford Sound Scenic Flights offers flights to Milford Sound, and one of the most popular ways to do this is their fly-cruise-fly option. This involves a flight from Queenstown Airport to Milford Sound Airport to meet the cruise boat for a trip on the fiord. There is also the option to fly over Milford Sound without a landing.

A flight up the West Coast to the world-famous glacier country allows you to take in a different kind of landscape. Here you can fly over the stunning jagged peaks of the Southern Alps and the wild coastline of the West Coast. A True South flight takes you to Franz Josef, where you can connect with a helicopter flight to get onto the glacier. A flight over the glacier is an incredible way to see Mother Nature at work as you will fly over the immense névé which feeds the glacier.

Adventure Activities

It wouldn't be Queenstown if there wasn't an adrenaline option. And if you're looking for thrills in the air, Queenstown has plenty to offer, including skydiving, paragliding, hang gliding and parasailing. You may spot the parasailing wing out over the lake or the paragliders coming down from Bob's Peak above the Skyline Gondola or Coronet Peak. This is a thrilling way to take in the scenery. And then there is skydiving, which for most, is the ultimate bucket list experience. Jumping out of a plane is the ultimate rush, and skydiving in Queenstown has the added thrill of freefalling over one of the most picturesque landscapes on the planet. NZONE offers tandem skydiving from 9,000, 12,000 or 15,000ft, giving you up to 60 thrilling seconds of free fall.



SUNRISE BALLOONS



MILFORD SOUND SCENIC FLIGHTS

Hot Air Ballooning

This may just be the once-in-a-lifetime experience you are looking for. Queenstown's hot air balloon operator, Sunrise Balloons, runs sunrise flights over the Whakatipu Basin. A hot air balloon doesn't move as fast as a helicopter, so it means you can take in all the detail of the landscape below. Spot the wineries, golf courses and rivers where you are sure to embark on all your holiday adventures. The skilful pilot navigates the balloon up to heights of 6,000 feet for incredible—and very peaceful—panoramic views. Every flight concludes with a champagne celebration upon landing. The silence of ballooning over a majestic landscape is something you are sure to remember forever.

Embrace the fear!



Tandem Skydive from 15 000ft with NZONE Skydive over Queenstown and see some of the most dramatic scenery in New Zealand. This is undeniably one of the best places to skydive in the world!

In 1990 NZONE Skydive opened as New Zealand's first tandem skydive operation and are now celebrating sharing over 30 years of skydiving with over 350 000 Tandem Skydive customers.

Why jump out of a perfectly good aeroplane?

It takes a special kind of person to jump out off an aircraft at 15 000ft into thin air. It takes courage. Harnessed to an experienced highly qualified Jumpmaster, you step out of the aircraft door for some 60 seconds freefall towards the ground at 200km/hour – Terminal velocity!

There is no such word as try. There is only do or did not do!

Expect sensory overload as your mind/soul/body fight against every natural self preservatory urge. The impact on your life that the act you

are now contemplating will have, can not be overstated. The personal challenge is immense. Immense, because the only thing preventing you from enjoying this, one of the most primal life shaping experiences, is your own mind. You must choose. To go through life able to say 'yes, I did it', or to go through life knowing that you had the opportunity, but you turned it down and walked away from becoming the complete person you could have been.

Achievement doesn't come sweeter!

Such a significant chapter in your life should not go unrecorded. Make your skydive experience last a lifetime by having your skydive videoed and photographed by one of our team. You'll take home the most comprehensive and advanced skydive photo and video pack in New Zealand. All yours on your own personal website so you can relive and share your experience- YOU DID IT!

All skydives include:

- » Transport from our shop to the drop zone
- » A scenic flight to altitude
- » Your freefall experience
- » 3-4 minutes under canopy



Harnessed to an experienced highly qualified Jumpmaster, you step out of the aircraft door for some 60 seconds freefall towards the ground at 200km/hour – Terminal velocity!

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
9 000FT Tandem Skydive	\$299	\$299	Every hour	Allow 3.5 hours
12 000FT Tandem Skydive	\$379	\$379	Every hour	Allow 3.5 hours
15 000FT Tandem Skydive	\$479	\$479	Every hour	Allow 3.5 hours

Photo and video packages available to purchase on the day

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Your itinerary is limited only by your imagination



OVER THE TOP
THE HELICOPTER COMPANY



Over the Top - the helicopter company is a NZ Qualmark Licensed company operating since 1986. The experiences we deliver provide our guests a once in a lifetime tailor-made helicopter excursions.

Our experienced pilots provide eco tours, wine tours, fly fishing, heli-skiing and a selection of favourites including remote picnics and glacier landings. You may wish to join Over the Top on one of our magical excursions far from the madding crowd. Tiptoe through silence, soar amongst mountains, skim along beaches, smell nature, hear silence, explore prehistoric rainforests, and age old glaciers. Understand our land, its heritage and us, its people.

Safety is paramount! Over The Top and our pilots are proud recipients of National & International Helicopter Safety Awards. Including the 2022 Director of Civil Aviation Commendation Award. We operate the latest helicopters that are spacious and fully equipped for the discerning guest. Including large viewing windows, leather seats, Bose noise cancelling headsets and enhanced safety features.

Remarkables Discovery

Fly to the top of the Remarkables mountain range for the best views of Queenstown. Walk amongst the tundra, and breathe in the alpine air.

Milford Sound & The Glaciers

Fly over the snow-capped Southern Alps and down the majestic Milford Sound before heading north to land beside a glacier, or on an alpine setting, allowing you time to explore and take photographs of this magical place.

Milford & Fiordland Highlights

View alpine lakes, rivers, forest, glacial and ice capped mountains. Fly over the Fiord, learn of the recession of the age old glaciers. Enjoy an alpine and west coast beach landing.

Alpine Kitchen and Dirty Nugget Saloon

Drop back to the last century and gold rush era with a visit to NZ's smallest high-country station. The historic gold miners bar the 'Dirty Nugget Saloon' offers unique entertainment with their gold nuggets, whisky tasting and pianola tunes. The Alpine Kitchen serves up high-country fare cooked on the BBQ by your pilot. Option to add on clay targets, archery and knife throwing.

Dog Sledding

Fly in on your helicopter, meet the dogs, learn how to hook them up as a team. Use the terms "Mush" "Gee" "Haw" to glide your sled along the stunning high-country trails. If driving your own team is not for you let a Guide take control whilst you sit back and enjoy the ride.



Experience	Private tours (price per aircraft)	Shared tours (price per person)	Duration
Remarkables Discovery	from \$1320	\$330	30 minutes
Milford Sound and the Glaciers	from \$4990	\$1250	1.5 hours
Milford and Fiordland Highlights	from \$6100	\$1525	2 - 2.5 hours
Alpine Kitchen and Dirty Nugget Saloon	from \$4200		3 hours
Dog Sledding		\$1225	2 hours

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Let us take you to magical places



Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters is locally owned (operated by Helicopters Queenstown 2020 Ltd) and have been pioneering glacier landings since 1980.

We operate a fleet of modern 6-seater large turbine engine helicopters serviced and maintained to ensure maximum passenger safety and comfort. All our maintenance procedures comply with New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority safety standards. Safety is always our main priority. Our pilots are highly experienced with extensive knowledge of the local mountain environment and all of our pilots have high flying hours.

We go above and beyond to provide unforgettable helicopter tours around Milford Sound, Queenstown, Middle Earth, Fiordland & Mt Aspiring National Parks.

We strongly recommend you make your flight bookings in advance and at the start of your Queenstown itinerary. If we cannot fly due to adverse weather, we can transfer your booking to another day.

What to bring

- » Comfortable walking shoes/boots
- » Windproof jacket & Warm clothing
- » Camera, sunglasses, hat, sunblock and any personal items

The Remarkables (flight 101)

Fly high above Queenstown and the Whakatipu Basin with amazing views of the lake and mountains. Includes a landing on the Remarkables mountain.

Glacier Explorer (flight 105)

Scenic flight around Queenstown, Paradise Valley, Mt Aspiring National Park, and Skippers Canyon. Viewing ice falls and multiple glaciers. Includes an alpine terrain or glacier landing.

Milford Sound + Cruise (flight 202)

Fly over spectacular alpine scenery to Milford Sound where you will enjoy a leisurely boat cruise through the iconic Milford Sound. Flight back includes a remote alpine or glacier landing.

Milford Extended (flight 203)

Fly over the Southern Alps and land at Milford Sound for a scenic walk. Then fly through the 16kms of Milford Sound and land on a remote West Coast beach. One more alpine landing on the way back to Queenstown.

Queenstown Snowmobiles

New Zealand's only heli-snowmobiling adventure. Our professionally guided tours cater for individuals, families and small groups of up to six people. No previous experience required. This is an epic winter adventure, not to be missed. Departing daily at 9am, 11.30am and 2pm.



Experience	Adult	Child	Duration
The Remarkables (101)	\$270	\$190	20 minutes
Glacier Explorer (105)	\$630	\$445	50 minutes
Milford Sound + Cruise (202)	\$1105	\$775	4 hours
Milford Extended (203)	\$1105	\$775	2.5 hours
Queenstown Snowmobiles*	\$1105	\$775	2.5 hours

Child rates from 0-11 years. We strongly recommend you make your flight booking at the start of your trip. Each helicopter can only accommodate up to x6 passengers, weight depending. *No children under the age of 6yrs of age can participate.

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Experience the world's best scenic flight



Escape to a world where the air is clear and invigorating waterfalls cascade from the sky with Milford Sound Scenic Flights.

Milford Sound Fly Cruise Fly

Take off from Queenstown, and fly above the rugged backcountry of Central Otago, before heading westward to where the glacial-fed rivers empty into Lake Wakatipu. Witness what the power of nature has created over the years, as you journey over two remarkable National Parks; Mt Aspiring and the world heritage listed Fiordland National Park.

Upon landing at Milford Sound Airport you are welcomed to a view of Mitre Peak, standing tall at the head of the fiord. Surrounded by some of the most magnificent scenery in the world, you'll board your Mitre Peak Cruises vessel and begin your voyage cruising the length of the 16km fiord complete your journey with a scenic flight over the Southern Alps back to Queenstown and be captivated by the breathtaking and awe-inspiring views.

Milford Sound Coach Cruise Fly

Experience the perfect combination of a scenic coach ride to Milford Sound, a cruise on the spectacular fiord and then top the day off with a flight over an untouched mountain wilderness back to Queenstown.

The road trip to Milford Sound is one of the world's finest alpine drives. Sit back and relax as your coach driver takes you on a journey through the ancient beech forests of the Fiordland National Park. Your coach stops often for photo opportunities at some iconic viewpoints, before descending the Homer Tunnel into valleys dwarfed by towering mountain peaks. As you arrive in Milford Sound, you are welcomed to a superb view of Mitre Peak standing tall at the forefront of the fiord.

Surrounded by some of the most magnificent scenery in the world, you'll board your Mitre Peak Cruises vessel and begin your voyage cruising the length of the 16km fiord out to the Tasman Sea.

Complete your journey by flying over some of the most dramatic scenery in the world on your way back to Queenstown.

What to bring

- » Camera
- » Waterproof jacket
- » Sunscreen
- » Warm clothing
- » Insect repellent

Experience the world's best scenic flight...



Experience	Adult	Child	Infant	Departure	Duration
Milford Sound Scenic Flight	\$495	\$310		10 am, 2.30 pm	1 hour
Milford Sound Fly Cruise Fly	\$585	\$380		10 am, 12.30 pm	4 hours
Coach Cruise Fly Ex Queenstown	\$675	\$405	\$65	7am	8.5 hours

Children: 4-14 years inclusive. Children under 11kgs and 4 years are free of charge (FOC). Children under 4 years are FOC on flight and must sit on adult's lap. Children over 11kgs will be charged at 50% of adult retail rate & require own seat.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Unforgettable Milford Sound & Mount Cook scenic flights



T rue South Flights is Queenstown's premium boutique flightseeing company. We are family owned and run and specialise in spectacular mountain flying through Fiordland and Aoraki Mount Cook National Park.

Consistently rated number 1 on Tripadvisor by our passenger reviews we won the prestigious Best of the Best 2021 award. Showcasing our endless dedication to our passengers.

Milford Sound Fly Cruise Fly

Our classic tour option starts with a scenic flight over the mountains to Milford Sound. Experience the majesty of Fiordland National Park from the air as you descend into Milford Sound airport. Then take the one hour 45-minute nature cruise and view the fjord from sea level, get up close and personal with wildlife and waterfalls. Return to Queenstown in time to enjoy the amazing dining scene.

Milford Sound Scenic Flight

For the time precious traveller, take our wonderful Milford Sound flight through Fiordland between the valleys and mountain peaks.

Tasman Glacier Helihike

A must do for the adventurous traveller! Starting with a one-hour scenic flight to Mount Cook, then a quick helicopter ride up to the glacier. You'll get to hike NZ's longest glacier, exploring ice caves

and seeing awe-inspiring ice formations on your small group tour.

Franz Josef Glacier Helihike

Franz Josef Glacier is arguably NZ's most famous glacier. Steeper than its Tasman counterpart, this small group hiking tour is located higher on the glacier and boasts unforgettable views. This glacier is nestled above the striking West Coast rainforest, providing a beautiful contrasting panorama.

Mount Cook Scenic Flight

If helihiking isn't your thing we offer scenic flights to Mount Cook where you can take in the spectacular mountains and ice blue lakes in the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. We highly recommend upgrading to include the Mount Cook landing, for 30 minutes of ground time, to explore the scenery from up close for excellent photo opportunities.

All tours include

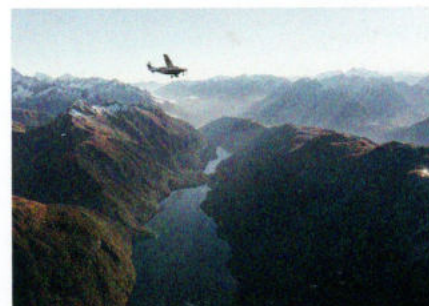
Transfers from central Queenstown hotels, or free-parking if you drive. The pilot's captivating commentary and a guaranteed window seat.

What to bring

Sunscreen, warm layers, insect repellent, and your camera! Also bring lunch, snacks, or cash to purchase food.

Office location

Remarkables Park Shopping Centre, Frankton.



Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Milford Sound Fly Cruise Fly	\$595	\$395	9 am, 11:30 am, 2 pm	4 hours
Milford Sound Scenic Flight	\$499	\$499	On Demand	1.25 hours
Tasman Glacier Helihike	\$1399	\$1199	8:30 am	7 hours
Franz Josef Glacier Helihike	\$1399	\$1199	8:30 am	8 hours
Mount Cook Scenic Flight	\$650	\$650	On Demand	2.5 hours

Child 4-13 years (inclusive), infants fly free on parents lap. All flights and activities are weather dependent. If your flight is cancelled due to weather you are entitled to a full refund or the next available departure

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Land activities

If there's one thing Queenstown is never called, it's dull. The town's many land activities provide ample reasons for Queenstown to earn a reputation as the adventure capital of New Zealand.



OFF ROAD ADVENTURES

Set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Whakatipu, The Remarkables and Mt Aspiring National Park in the distance, Queenstown is a destination to knock your socks off. The best thing to do while you're here is to get out and explore the landscape. There are many activities and tour operators on offer, giving you a wide range of choice for exploring the sights—from high adrenaline thrills to relaxing sightseeing tours.

Queenstown's many activity providers deliver diverse and unique ways to get out and see the sights. Even arriving to Queenstown is a thrill. The flight into Queenstown Airport approaches the town excitingly close to the mountain ranges and usually offers a few bumps along the way. And arriving by road, the drive through the Crown Range from the north or Devil's Staircase from the south sets the scene for an exciting time ahead.

Most things to do in Queenstown revolve around taking in the scenery, whether it's finding a prime spot by the lake for a drink, taking the opportunity for a photo stop or touring the area with a local guide. From its enviable location surrounded by wilderness, you can easily take off into the mountains to connect with nature or keep things closer to town for one of the many thrill or adrenaline activities. Luckily, there are many activity options to cater to whatever your sightseeing desires may be.

For one of the best views of Queenstown, take the Skyline Gondola up to Bob's Peak for a mind-blowing 360-degree vista. There is minimal walking required for this unforgettable activity.

Adrenaline activities

Queenstown has been known for adventure and adrenaline for decades. The first commercial bungy site was born on the Kawarau Bridge in 1988. What was initially dismissed as a tourist fad has gone on to become the iconic thrill activity in the region. From the very first day, the lure of bungy has driven tens of thousands to take the leap.

Not far from Gibbston Valley, Oxbow Adventure Co. ticks all the boxes for thrill seekers. Oxbow's impressive line-up includes jet sprint boats on a custom-built racecourse, off-roading with near vertical hill climbs and clay bird shooting. For a true off road adventure jump onto a dirt bike, quad, or buggy and explore the region and its trails with Off Road Adventures.

Queenstown scenic tours

However, it's not all heart-stopping moments. Plenty of tours and sightseeing options offer a more relaxed way to see the sights. One of these is Segway on Q. From central Queenstown, you can jump on a Segway and, after a quick training session, head out on the lakeside pathways to take in the views or take a detour to the picturesque Queenstown Gardens. Segway on Q is a fun and family-friendly way to see the sights close to town.

Another way to experience Queenstown's beauty is through pedal power. Around the Basin (page 57) offer mountain bike rentals and self-guided bike tours to explore Queenstown's 130kms scenic trails.



SEGWAY ON Q



HIGH COUNTRY HORSES



PURE GLENORCHY



Glenorchy scenic tours

For big and breathtaking scenery, it's worth taking the world-famous journey to Glenorchy. Just 45 minutes from Queenstown, Glenorchy is the last town on the map before the road ends and the majestic Mt Aspiring National Park takes over. It's easy to see why this area has featured as the backdrop to many Hollywood blockbusters. The Lord of the Rings trilogy was shot throughout the region, and Glenorchy perfectly matched the magical lands of Tolkien's imagination. Pure Glenorchy offers trips into Glenorchy and surrounding mountain ranges.

If petrol power is not your style, High Country Horses in Glenorchy offers a quieter way to explore the landscape. Located near the Rees River, High Country Horses offers trekking options ranging from one-hour rides along the river to five-day backcountry excursions into the wilderness. To find out more, see High Country Horses information on page 67.

Historic and cultural tours

Queenstown has a rich gold mining history, and many of the town's most popular tours involve exploring areas that once teemed with hardy and hopeful prospectors. Gold was discovered on the Arrow River in 1862, a find that would spark a gold rush that brought miners from around the world to seek their fortune. Gold was also discovered on the Shotover River, which would go on to become the second-richest gold-bearing river in the world. While gold fever is long gone, there is plenty of evidence left behind, from old gold tailings to historic buildings. Off-road 4WD tours take you into these areas, including Macetown along the Arrow River and Skippers Canyon along the Shotover River. The benefit of taking a tour is your guide will share the fascinating stories of these wild gold rush days. Without the expertise of your driver and an off-road vehicle, it would be difficult to access and appreciate these amazing locations. Pure Glenorchy offers guided tours to both Macetown and Skippers Canyon.

Wineries & wine tours

When it's not snow-capped peaks and sparkling lakes, much of the landscape around Queenstown is made up of vineyards. Picturesque rows of grapes, most notably the world-class Pinot Noir, cover the terraces of Gibbston Valley, Bannockburn and Cromwell. Wine tours are a wonderful way to not only take in the scenery but spend some time at the many cellar doors sampling wines from the world's southernmost commercial wine region. To find out more, visit our Wineries & Wine Tour section on pages 50-53.

National Parks

For exploring the immense wilderness areas and national parks, Queenstown is an ideal base. Not far from Glenorchy, Mt Aspiring National Park covers 3,500 square kilometres of dramatic scenery spanning either side of the Main Divide. Together with Fiordland National Park and Westland National Park, Mt Aspiring makes up Te Wahipounamu South West New Zealand World Heritage area. Te Wahipounamu (the place of Greenstone) is 2.6 million hectares of land protected by a UNESCO World Heritage status. Hiking into this area can easily be done as a gentle day walk from Glenorchy or as a multi-day hike like the Routeburn Track.

Wildlife & Conservation

New Zealand is renowned for the vast array of birds that inhabit the land with the famous kiwi being top of the list. Kiwi Park in the centre of Queenstown have been pioneering the conservation of these animals in the region and have a wide selection of New Zealand animals for you to get up close and personal with.



Epic. Every Day.

OXBOW ADVENTURE CO.

In the Gibbston Valley, surrounded by mountains, bluffs, wineries and breweries, you will find the Thrill Seekers' paradise that is Oxbow Adventure Co.

Founded on a strong belief of fun, adventure and camaraderie, our one-of-a-kind adventures give Adrenaline Junkies from all walks of life an incredibly unique and unforgettable experience.

Located just 15 minutes from Queenstown Airport, in the Gibbston Valley, Oxbow Adventure Co has an Off-Roader course, a purpose-built Jet Sprint Boat racetrack and a Clay Bird Shooting range.

With our core value 'one step ahead' at the forefront of everything we do, our unique experiences are world firsts.

ULTIMATE OFF-ROADERS - Defy the laws of gravity!

- » If you're looking for the best off-roading experience in New Zealand, this is it.
- » Take a ride in the Ultimate Off-Roader, our one-of-a-kind, custom-built all-terrain vehicle that goes everywhere.
- » It's one of the most unique adventure experiences that you can have in Queenstown, perfect for adrenaline junkies and thrill-seekers.
- » Built for Oxbow by New Zealand Off-Roader Champion, Dan Cowper, this is the only place you can experience such a unique activity!
- » Our Ultimate Off-Roaders are 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel steer, and have an extremely low centre of gravity, allowing them to practically go anywhere.



JET SPRINT BOATS - Learn how it feels to fly on water. Literally!

- » Oxbow's Jet Sprint Boats are the only four-seaters in the world and are guaranteed to make a screamer out of everyone they have the pleasure of meeting! Jet Sprints are next level jet boating.
- » Accelerating at an incredible 0 to 100km in only 2.5 seconds and pulling 3-4 G-Forces.
- » Your expert Jet Sprint Boat driver will navigate their way around Oxbow's very own racetrack before you've had a moment to catch your breath.



CLAY BIRD SHOOTING - Ready, aim fire!

- » Let us welcome you to the Oxbow Gun Club, where you and your mates can enjoy a spot of healthy competition shooting clay targets out of the sky against one of New Zealand's most magnificent backdrops.
- » One-on-one guidance from an experienced instructor, ensuring few clays get away.
- » We facilitate up to 6 shooters at a time on our custom-designed compact sporting field, which is equipped with eight automatic clay bird throwers to suit all abilities.



The Small Print

- » Location: 2696 Gibbston Highway, Gibbston Valley, Queenstown
- » What to bring: Closed toe shoes and warm clothing



Experience	Adult	Child	Family			Duration
			(1A, 2C)	(2A, 1C)	(2A, 2C)	
Clay Bird shooting	\$139	\$99	\$337	\$377	\$476	45 minutes
Jet Sprint Boats	\$139	\$99	\$337	\$377	\$476	10 minutes
Ultimate Off-Roaders	\$139	\$99	\$337	\$377	\$476	15 minutes
Epic Duo - Combo two activities	\$275	\$198	\$669	\$739	\$939	
Thrill Seekers - Combo all three activities	\$399	\$257	\$909	\$1,049	\$1,309	

Child Rate is 15 years and under. Minimum height of 1.2 metres for Jet Sprint Boats and Ultimate Off-Roaders. Minimum age of 13 years for Clay Bird Shooting.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

The best way to see Queenstown!



Segway on Q offers touring experiences around beautiful Queenstown on the self-balancing Segway. It's 1 or 2 hours of hands-on fun!

Segway Smart Motion technology keeps riders balanced and in control. To propel the vehicle forwards, you simply lean forwards. To stop, just put your weight back. This sensation, while a little weird at first, is a thrill that everyone really enjoys!

Whether it's your first time to ride or you're a seasoned pro, Segway on Q have amazing experiences for you!

The Segways run on electric motors powered by rechargeable batteries which last many years. The energy for this is sourced from a clean renewable energy source, hydropower, making it very environmentally friendly.

Location

The start and finish point for the tour is at One Mile Powerhouse Car Park, roughly 1km from Queenstown's town centre. The details and directions will be clarified at the time of booking.

Queenstown Tour - 2 hours

Master the control of the Segway then embark on your adventure. You'll get to check out lots of great sightseeing spots while enjoying the unique sensation of riding a Segway. Your guide will show you all the best places and share some interesting information along the way. It's two hours of hands-on fun for all.

Bay Ride - 1 hour

Feel the pure joy of the Segway on this one hour experience. After a quick training session, you'll cruise around Queenstown Bay to the Gardens, giving you a great taste of how much fun these machines are to ride.

Extra Information

- » Trips include approx. 15min of training time
- » Suitable weight range of 35-120kgs (if slightly outside this weight range please contact us to check suitability)
- » Standard capacity is 8 people per tour. If your group has more than 8 please then please contact Segway on Q
- » Dress extra warm on cool days
- » Helmets are provided and gloves are available to those that need them



Enjoy the incredibly fun sensation of riding a Segway while taking in the magnificent views of Queenstown!

Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
Queenstown Tour	\$139	\$125	\$449	9 am , 11.30 am, 2.30 pm	2 hours
Bay Ride	\$89	\$79	\$299	9.30 am, 12 pm, 3 pm	1 hour

Child age is 15yr & under. Trip times can be customised at times. Family deal is for 2 adults and 2 children, or 1 adult and 3 children

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Scenic Lord of the Rings & Skippers Canyon Tours



Pure Glenorchy is a local NZ family owned and operated business. Running quality tours since 2005.

We absolutely love showing off the breathtaking beauty of Glenorchy and its surrounding natural areas to our visitors – and of course, all of the incredible Lord Of The Rings film locations!

We also specialise in tours to the historical gold mining area of Skippers Canyon which is only accessible by 4x4 and very popular with locals and tourists alike.

Skippers Canyon

Our experienced guides will keep you safe as we follow the world famous Shotover River on a trail that was hand-built by Gold miners in the late 1800's. The journey offers stunning views of this unique Central Otago landscape. With sweeping views along the steep gorge and of the Shotover River below, you'll have photo opportunities at every turn.

Scenic Lord of the Rings Tour

Journey with us deep into Middle Earth and explore Lord of the Rings locations from Queenstown to Glenorchy. On your LOTR guided tour, you will discover breathtaking and iconic LOTR scenery from Isengard, Amon Hen, Lothlorien Forest, The Misty Mountains and Ithilien!

We absolutely love showing off the breathtaking beauty of Glenorchy

What's Included

- » Exclusive access to the epic views & filming locations on Arcadia Station in the Paradise Valley
- » Morning or afternoon tea on every tour
- » Replica swords and costumes for epic LOTR photo opportunities

Additional Info

- » Dress for the weather conditions
- » Please bring a water bottle
- » No large luggage items/ prams
- » No food to be eaten in vehicles

Departure Location

Outside the Station Information Centre, corner of Shotover and Camp Street, central Queenstown. We can also pick up from central hotels.

Journey with us deep into Middle Earth and explore Lord of the Rings locations from Queenstown to Glenorchy.



Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
Half day LOTR Tour	\$180	\$90	\$490	8 am & 1.40 pm	4.25 hours
Half day Skippers	\$250	\$125		8 am & 1.40 pm	4 hours

Child prices are from ages 5-14. Family price is for 2 adults & 2 children. Skippers and Macetown tours are subject to weather and availability.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Experience Kiwi Live Everyday!



Explore our 5-acre oasis at the Kiwi Park. A family-owned and operated wildlife centre in the heart of Queenstown, dedicated to saving our endangered wildlife species. We have over 20 species of native wildlife on display, including New Zealand's national icon, the Kiwi and our living fossil, the Tuatara.

Kiwi Encounters

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience New Zealand's most iconic bird. Enjoy an unforgettable experience viewing the kiwi and learning about these fascinating birds from our qualified Zoologists. Our specially designed nocturnal house will provide you with the best kiwi viewing in the country.

Conservation Show Conservation in Action

Get up and personal with our most fascinating, endangered wildlife in this entertaining 30-minute free flight show. Presented by the park's team of skilled and passionate Zoologist this entertaining show will have you laughing, learning, and discovering just how special our native wildlife really is and the threats they face in the wild.

Self-guided Audio

Grab a complimentary Audio tour and park map to enjoy a highly informative self-guide tour of the park at your own pace. Available in 5 different languages.

Show Times

- » Kiwi Encounter (Oct-Apr) - 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm & 5pm
- » Kiwi Encounter (May-Sep) - 10am, 12pm, 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- » Conservation Show (Oct-Apr) - 11am, 1.30pm & 4pm
- » Conservation Show (May-Sep) - 11am & 3pm

Your Admission Ticket includes

- » Access to the park
- » Self-guided audio tour
- » Kiwi Encounters
- » Live Bird & Conservation Show
- » Honeybee centre

Private Tours

Enjoy a personal encounter with our unique, endangered wildlife guided by an experienced Zoologist. This premium product offers a private kiwi encounter. Call us or check out our website for more information on this exclusive opportunity.

Location

- » Below the gondola on Brecon St
- » 5 min walk from town centre

Opening Hours

- » 9am - 5.30pm (Oct-Apr)
- » 9am - 5pm (May-Sep)
- » Open 7 days a week

Book Direct through our website and save!



By visiting the park, you're supporting the conservation work we do

Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Duration
General Admission	\$52	\$26	\$128	1.5 - 2 hours

Child rate is 15 years and under. Family is 2 adults and up to 3 children.

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Epic quad bike, dirt bike and buggy tours



Whether you want to get out and smash the trails by yourself, take the family for a bounce, learn a new skill or have one of our drivers take you for a rollercoaster ride... we've got an adventure for you.

As Queenstown's longest running family owned and operated adventure business, this local family of industry pioneers and off road champions can offer you the experience of a lifetime.

From driving buggies or bikes at our Adventure Park just 5 minutes from Queenstown, with over 650 acres of tracks and trails (from mild to wild!), to getting out and exploring the tops of the mountains through Central Otago, Southland and beyond on a full day or multi-day expedition with us. We make dreams come true.

Off Road Queenstown has been running since 1989 and is still run by Marilyn, Denis and their children today, now with 34 years of experience, having created everlasting memories and friendships with over 300,000 customers.

We're consistently ranked #1 across multiple travel and experience websites.

Above The Skyline Quad Bike Tour

- » Sports Quads! (Not farm quads)
- » Small Guide to Rider ratios
- » Learn the skills to ride WELL
- » Tackle the mountain, reach the top!

Let's Ride (Dirt Bike Tour)

- » From flowing trails to single tracks
- » Expert tuition from NZ champion & world ranked guides
- » Tips and tricks to hone your technique
- » Incredible views well earned at the top

Challenger Buggy Tour

- » Self-Drive or Guided
- » Incredibly capable Yamaha sports machines
- » Challenging terrain or a cruise to the top
- » Amazing value for families
- » Exclusive terrain & the best photo opportunities
- » Only 5 minutes from Queenstown
- » Over 4000 Five Star reviews

Private 4x4 Charter

- » Have the whole vehicle and guide to yourselves
- » You decide the itinerary, tell us what you hope for, we'll get you there
- » Most experienced 4x4 guides in Queenstown, with over 34 years of experience in these mountains
- » Extensive knowledge of the history, geology and 'secret spots' of our Central Otago



Experience	Adult	Departure	Duration
Challenger Buggy Tour	\$194	10 am, 12pm & 2 pm	1 hour
Quad Bike Tour	\$219	10 am & 1 pm	1 hour
Dirt Bike Tour	\$319	9 am, 11 am, & 1 pm	1.5 hours
Private 4x4 Charter	\$1199	8 am & 1 pm	4 hours

Buggy tours are \$388 inclusive of 2 people in each 4 seater vehicle - passenger rates are \$50pp for the additional 2 seats. (eg. \$488 for a full buggy, 2 can drive). Private charter 4x4 is per vehicle which can seat 6pax.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Indoor Activities



Activities in Queenstown aren't just limited to the outdoors. There's a wealth of indoor activities around town to keep you entertained on those rainy days! We've selected a few of the highlights for you.

Experience entertainment on a royal scale

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Picture this; you have booked a long-awaited trip to Queenstown, your body has grown tiresome of the slopes, and you don't know what to do? Let us introduce your one-stop destination to a world of fun.

With sweeping views of Cardrona Ski Field, The Remarkables, Coronet Peak and Lake Wakatipu, the ski-lodge inspired Kingpin Queenstown has it all.

Between the bowling, games, table tennis, karaoke and other activities, there's more to do in this one venue than you could get through in a single day. A little bit of everything means everyone's smiling, from friendly catch-ups to families with kids of all ages. The venue can also accommodate private events, parties, and corporate bookings.

Once you've worked up an appetite playing (and winning, of course), kick your feet up, enjoy the views and grab a menu. The in-house bar and kitchen have an extensive list of cocktails, mocktails, hearty meals, and fun share platters catering to every dietary requirement.

Bowling

Ten pins. One ball. So. Much. Fun. Our state-of-the-art lanes are perfect for partying, socialising, date night, or serious bowling competition.

VR

The enemies might be virtual but the battle is real in our range of innovative, fiercely competitive VR gaming experiences. Upgrade your reality as you run, fight, explore and play.

Games

From the classics to the latest innovations, take gaming off the couch and explore our royal selection of arcade games. Don't forget to exchange your tickets for a prize before you leave!

Escape Rooms

Reckon you're a bit of a Sherlock Holmes? Test your powers of deductions in one of our cryptic escape rooms. Be warned: our games are not for the faint of heart (or those under 14 years old).

Karaoke

Hope you've been practising in the shower because our karaoke rooms are ready. Loaded up with song lists included the gnarly classics and the latest hits (updated monthly) and a restricted playlist if you've got younger singers with you. Plus, you can leave a card at the bar and order food and drink straight to your karaoke room!

Darts

Shoot your shot in a game of darts, but not as you know it. Kingpin's augmented darts is sure to have anyone targeting this game for their next visit. Aim for set pockets, record dart scores digitally in real time and compete your way through a wide range of interactive projected games.

Location

» 35 Brecon Street
» Next to the Gondola



Experience	Price
Gold - 2 Activities + \$25 Food & Drink credit	\$69
Silver - 2 Activities	\$50
Bronze - 1 Activity	\$28.50

Any student with a valid ID and any school child can enjoy a 10% discount on weekdays before 4pm. Not available school holidays or public holidays.

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Award winning museum, art gallery and bookshop



Set in the historic mining town of Arrowtown, our award-winning museum is packed with hands-on activities and exhibits that will give you an authentic insight into our past. Built around the original 1875 Bank of New Zealand building, our museum opened in 1948 and is appropriately set among original heritage buildings that cover two floors and give an authentic glimpse into our history.

As the only museum in our district, we are passionate about protecting our taonga (treasures) and telling our stories. We love welcoming visitors from all around New Zealand and the world. Follow in the footsteps of early Māori and discover how they lived, hunted, and extracted precious pounamu from our mountains. Learn about early gold mining, farming, and the tough conditions our early settlers endured. Try the dress-up box in our Victorian classroom and make sure to peek inside the downstairs lavatory! Our art gallery has changing exhibitions featuring work from local artists and celebrating the incredible creativity in our area.

If you are keen to learn more about the Queenstown Lakes region, or if you need a good holiday read, our well-stocked bookshop has something for everyone.

Follow in the footsteps of
early Māori and discover
how they lived...

Our museum store has artworks from local artists and craftspeople. Art prints, jewellery, ceramics, glassware and much more, we can help you find that perfect locally made souvenir or gift to remember your trip to Arrowtown.

Beautiful in any season, a trip to Arrowtown is an absolute must-do while you are visiting the Whakatipu.

Location

- » 49 Buckingham Street, Arrowtown
- » The Number 2 bus from Queenstown will drop you straight at our back door
- » Free parking is widely available in Arrowtown

Gold Panning

- » Gold pan hire \$5
- » We'll give you some instructions and you can spend as long as you want: an hour – or a day – panning the Arrow River

Information Centre

- » Ask our expert local staff about anything!
- » We can help you with planning your day in Arrowtown

Activities

- » History museum
- » Art gallery
- » Bookshop
- » Gold panning
- » Information Centre
- » Guided walks available on request



Experience	Adult	Child	Family
Museum admission	\$12	\$5	\$25
Gold pan hire	\$5	\$5	

Family is 2 adults and up to 2 children. We are open every day except Christmas Day from 10am - 4pm. *Opening hours may be subject to change.

Contact us

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An elevated take on the classic Ice Bar experience



Queenstown's newest and most sophisticated ice bar experience, situated in the Upper Village, at the bottom of the iconic Queenstown Gondola.

We've created a cocktail lounge out of 25 tonnes of hand-carved ice, carefully crafted to produce crystal clear ice architecture. With plush Scandinavian decor, you'll feel transported to an entirely different world.

There's always something new to experience at the Ice Bar, with our incredible ice sculptures changing every few months thanks to several blocks of ice, chainsaws, chisels, and one extremely talented ice carver.

Step through our doors, and we'll take care of you from the very first moment.

Enjoy premium crafted drinks from our iconic glassware all made of ice. Our Elyx packages include premium cocktails crafted with three different spirits, including the luxury Absolut ELYX vodka.

We have recently launched a delicious range of Espresso Martinis with six flavours available.

Before

Complimentary luxe winter coats, gloves and boots are provided to keep you cosy. Faux fur hats and accessories are also available for purchase.

During

We'll greet you, seat you, and ensure your group is taken care of with our expertly curated cocktail menu and world-class Ice Bar team.

After

Remember your Queenstown experience in style with our selection of curated Queenstown Ice Bar merchandise. We've got you covered with shots glasses, ice shot moulds, and faux fur hats.

We offer private sessions and venue hire, perfect for corporate events, cocktail parties, and special occasions. Bartenders, Ice Bar hosts, and even bespoke ice carving are available. Enquire about a tailored package with our team.



We've created a cocktail lounge out of 25 tonnes of hand-carved ice, carefully crafted to produce crystal clear ice architecture. With plush Scandinavian decor, you'll feel transported to an entirely different world.

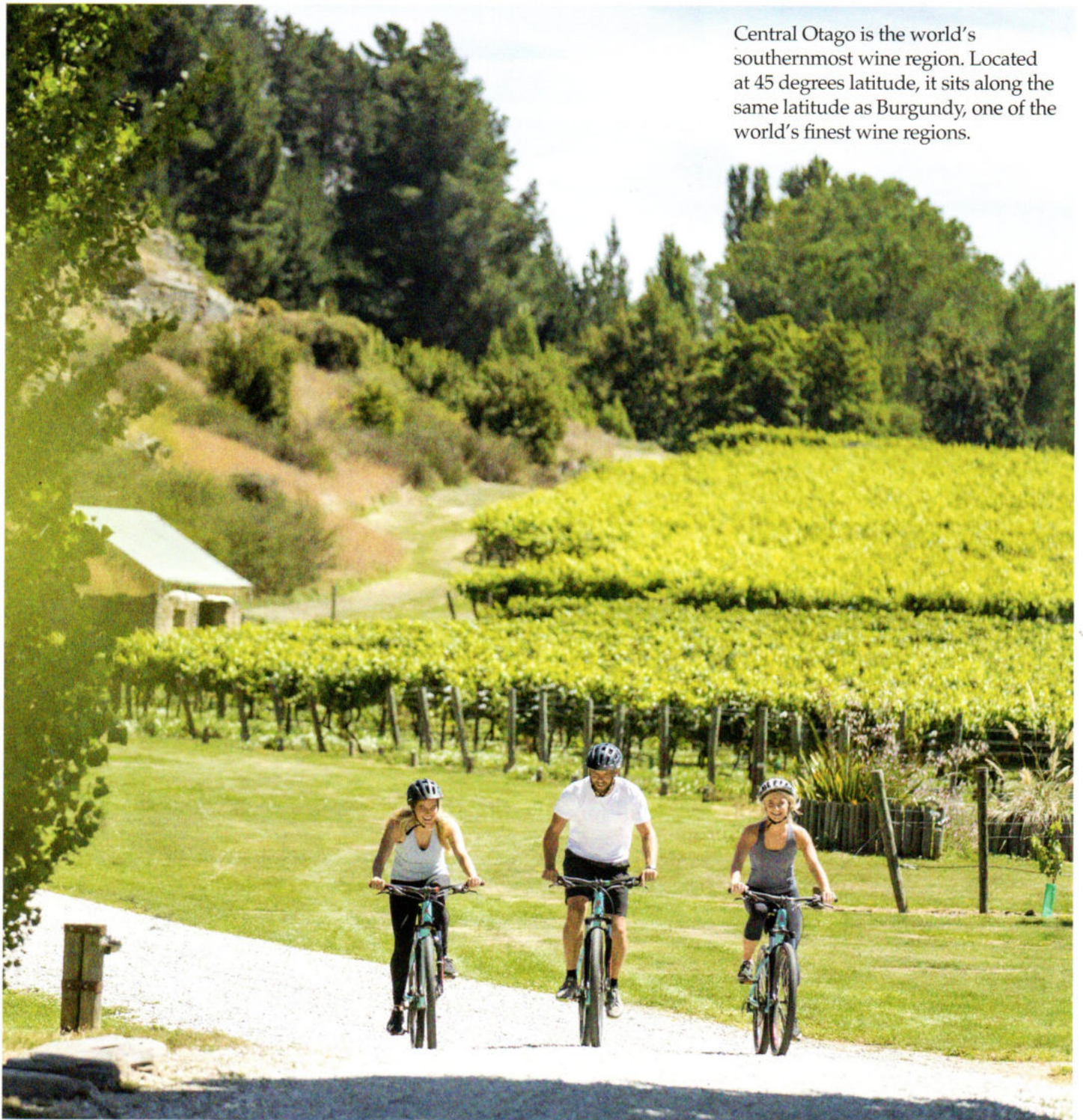
Experience	Entry	Duration
Entry + 2 x Premium Cocktail	\$55	1+ hours*
Entry + 1 x Premium Cocktail	\$45	1+ hours*
Entry + 2 x Signature Cocktail	\$45	1+ hours*
Entry + 1 x Signature Cocktail	\$40	1+ hours*
Entry + 1 x Mocktail	\$35	1+ hours*

Additional drinks and our famous 'shot luge' available for purchase in the ice bar. All under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All ages welcome. NZ ID or Passport will be required for all alcohol/cocktail sales. *Based on availability and next session bookings

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Wineries & Wine Tours

Central Otago is the world's southernmost wine region. Located at 45 degrees latitude, it sits along the same latitude as Burgundy, one of the world's finest wine regions.





In a landscape largely dominated by merino sheep farming, it was a few brave and hardy pioneers who planted grapes in Central Otago in the early 1980s. While the first wine grapes were planted here over a hundred years prior, it wasn't until the successful harvest of Pinot Noir in 1987 that the area began to draw the attention of viticulturists. Notable names in the early days include Rolfe Mills of Rippon in Wanaka and Alan Brady of Gibbston Valley who had a hunch that the region's cold, dry climate and long, hot summers would produce results to match the prestigious vineyards of France.

The first Pinot Noir vintage was released in 1987 by Gibbston Valley Wines. Today, Central Otago's Pinot Noir and, more recently, a range of white varieties are consistently recognised as award winners and on par with the best in the world. Around 80 per cent of the wines grown in Central Otago are Pinot Noir. Pinot Gris is the most popular white variety, followed by Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc.

The cold climate of Central Otago creates many challenges for growing grapes. However, with great challenge comes great reward. In Gibbston Valley, grapes benefit from a long growing season which provides perfect conditions for vines. In this cooler climate, skin, seeds and flesh ripen perfectly.

The winegrower's greatest fear is frost, and in this region, the threat of frost lingers both at the start of the cool season and the end. Vineyards have ways to protect their grapes from frost, most commonly the use of helicopters or frost fans. Central Otago experiences the country's coldest, driest, and hottest temperatures. Growers have developed their own way of working with the environment and its varying climate. It is these changes throughout the year that deliver the subtle variances to each season's harvest.



With such prestigious wines grown in the region, it's no surprise wineries, restaurants and cellar doors are top of the must-do list. The closest wineries to Queenstown are found just twenty minutes away in Arrowtown, where some of the district's most notable winery restaurants are found including Amisfield and Akarua. Further down the road is the famed Valley of the Vines, Gibbston Valley. Follow the Gibbston Valley Highway, and you will find vineyards and cellar doors scattered on either side of the road.

Half an hour from Gibbston is the Cromwell Basin and the area's biggest wine region. Vineyards and restaurants are found throughout Bannockburn, Bendigo, Pisa and Lowburn. This area represents

around 70 per cent of all the vineyards in Central Otago.

Tour operators run wine tours into Gibbston Valley and Cromwell. This is the perfect solution if you want to taste wine, enjoy a long lunch, and not worry about driving home. Or you could step things up a notch with a helicopter flight into the vines. There is also a cycle trail that meanders its way through Gibbston Valley and its many wineries. Hire a bike in Arrowtown and follow the Gibbston Valley Wine Trail ride for just under nine kilometres of well-maintained track taking you to all of the big names in wine in the Gibbston Valley. Around the Basin (page 57) offer bike rentals and self-guided tours of the wineries.

WINERIES & WINE TOURS

Arrowtown and Gibbston, a valley just a half-hour drive from Queenstown, possess an impressive selection of wineries and cellar doors offering up delightful wines and delicious food. If you're looking for wine tasting or a meal, then we would suggest visiting one of the below options.

Kinross

2300 Gibbston Highway, Queenstown 9371

Wine Tastings from \$15 pp

If you're a Pinot Noir fan then Gibbston, home to some of the most highly awarded Pinot Noir growers in the world, should firmly be on your bucket list. Kinross sits in the heart of the valley and is the cellar door to five local wineries – Coal Pit, Hawkshead, Valli, Wild Irishman and their own Kinross label. From local boutique artisan wines to global superstars, at Kinross you'll experience an authentic slice of Central Otago's world of wine. Their beautiful wine garden serves a stunning locally sourced menu, very popular for long lunches.

KINROSS



Amisfield Restaurant & Cellars

10 Lake Hayes Road, RD1, Queenstown, 9371

Wine tasting \$15

Indulge your love of wine and allow Amisfield's passionate staff to introduce your palate to the intricate flavours of their single estate organic vineyard. Sample from a selection of Pinot Noir vintages, Reserves and a range of aromatic white wines. Tasting is \$15 per person for up to five wines. Alternatively, book a Bespoke Private Tasting and taste a number of rare wines and older vintages from their library for \$50pp. Bookings are essential for groups of seven or more and Bespoke Tastings. We look forward to welcoming you to Amisfield. Open daily from 10am-6pm.



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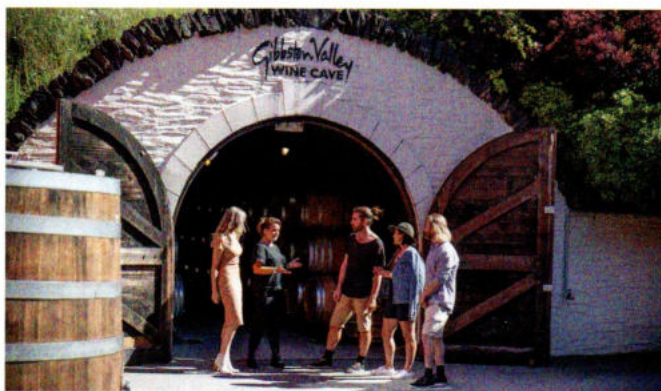
Gibbston Valley Winery

1820 State Highway 6, Queenstown 9371

Wine tasting from \$15 / Wine Tours from \$20.50

Gibbston Valley offers a fully immersive wine and food experience, just 25-minutes from Queenstown. Home to NZ's largest wine cave and the region's oldest vineyards, we offer various wine and tasting tours where you can learn about how we handcraft our premium wines. Our Winery Restaurant heroes' local and sustainably-sourced ingredients with our culinary team creating a harmonious blend of wine, food and place. If it's wine tasting you're after, you can sample our handcrafted wines at our Cellar Door.

Gibbston Valley
Est. 1983



Mt Rosa Cellar Door & Kitchen

47 Gibbston Back Road, Gibbston 9371

Wine tasting \$20

Mt Rosa Vineyard, open from 11am to 5pm, was originally the ram paddock for the 80,000 hectare Kawarau Station. In 2000 we sent the sheep off to greener pastures, planted some vines and began our new story in wine. Now a well-established vineyard, Mt Rosa is still proudly family owned and operated, and produces award-winning wines for everyone to enjoy! We're pretty proud of our little patch and the wines we produce. We'd love to share them with you and your friends - come and visit us in Gibbston at our Cellar Door and experience the hospitality we're known for. Enjoy a tasting of over five different varietals all grown onsite at our vineyard that surrounds our Cellar Door.

Mt Rosa
CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

World class wines and expert wine guides



Our award-winning tours offer a full immersion into Central Otago's superb wine culture and early pioneering history.

Taste Central Otago's cool climate, world-class varietals and travel off the beaten track to experience the ultimate in scenery starting from Queenstown and venturing through the magnificent wine regions of Gibbston, Bannockburn and Cromwell.

All of our tours include

- » Hotel pick up/drop off in a luxury vehicle
- » Full commentary on the sights, wine and history of the regions
- » All wine tastings
- » Fresh local cuisine
- » An expert wine guide sharing their passion and knowledge to ensure your day is truly memorable!

What to bring with you

- » Camera
- » Water bottle
- » Light jacket
- » Sunscreen
- » A healthy appetite for good food and great wines!

Gourmet Food & Wine Tour

- » Wine tastings at 4 vineyards/venues in 3 wine regions
- » Guided cave tour at Gibbston Winery
- » Exquisite wine-paired, barrel cooked lunch
- » Delicious cheese board and artisan chocolates
- » Visit historic Arrowtown

Boutique Wine Tour

- » Wine tastings at 4 vineyards in 3 wine regions
- » Platter style lunch at a vineyard restaurant
- » Visit Old Cromwell Town - time permitting

Classic Wine Tour

- » Wine tastings at 3 vineyards in Gibbston
- » Guided cave tour at Gibbston Winery
- » Delicious cheese board

Private Whiskey & Wine Tour

- » 75-minute tour at Cardrona Distillery
- » Wine or craft beer tasting
- » Anti-pasti lunch with beverage of choice

Private Heli & Wine Tour

- » 45 minute heli with an alpine landing
- » Tastings at 3 premium vineyards in 3 wine regions
- » A la carte lunch with wine at a vineyard restaurant



We are Queenstown's wine touring specialist with over 23 years of experience.

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Gourmet Food & Wine Tour	\$279	\$189	9.30 am	6.5 hours
Boutique Wine Tour	\$219	\$139	11.00 am	5.5 hours
Classic Wine Tour	\$189	\$119	1.30 pm	3.5 hours
Private Whiskey & Wine Tour	\$420	\$129	10.00 am	5 hours
Private Heli & Wine Tour	\$950	\$189	10.30 am	5 hours

Gourmet, Boutique and Classic Wine Tours also available on a private basis. Child rates applicable for 6 - 17 year olds. Children under 6 years possible on private tours only. Options available to combo with TSS Earnslaw, Jetboating, Ziplining or Golf.

To check
availability
please ask your
concierge or at
reception.

Biking in Queenstown

No matter your age or ability, pedal power is one of the most fun—and scenic—ways to explore the Whakatipu Basin.



DESTINATION QUEENSTOWN - BIKING GIBBSTON RIVER TRAIL

The popularity of mountain biking has grown exponentially in Queenstown over the last decade. Like many mountain towns around the globe, Queenstown is making the most of its perfectly contoured terrain and welcoming bikers of all abilities to hit the trails.

Many of Queenstown's biking tracks are part of the Queenstown Trails network, which provides more than 130 kilometres of walking and biking trails throughout the district. The network connects some of Queenstown's most scenic spots for half, full or multi-day rides. However, if downhill and speed are more your thing, you're in luck. Queenstown has multiple world-class mountain biking trails and bike parks, plus super-fun pump tracks for young riders.

Easy rides around Queenstown

Queenstown - Frankton Beach

This gentle lakeside ride begins in the Queenstown Gardens and follows a mostly flat trail along the Frankton Track beside Lake Whakatipu. At Frankton Beach, you can stop for a rest and maybe a dip. The ride from Queenstown Gardens to Frankton is around 12 kilometres return.

Frankton Beach - Kelvin Heights

If you're still feeling energetic after reaching Frankton, continue along the track to Kelvin Heights. This section of track takes you over the old Kawarau Bridge to Kawarau Falls, where you can stop at the Hilton Hotel for refreshments. Further on, the Kelvin Heights lakeside trail offers a beautiful ride past stunning waterfront homes and picturesque gardens. The ride from Queenstown Gardens to Kelvin Heights Peninsula is 16 kilometres one way.

Arrowtown - Gibbston vineyards

This 23-kilometre-return ride begins in the historic township of Arrowtown and takes you from one stunning scenic spot to the next, including the picturesque Arrow River and the AJ Hackett Bungy Bridge. Carry on a little further to Gibbston for some of the best vineyards in the district.

Queenstown - Jack's Point

The first part of this full-day ride follows the gentle Frankton Track to Kelvin Heights. From Jardine's Point onwards, the track becomes more technical and requires some trail-riding experience. Between Kelvin Heights and Jack's Point, the track is a Grade 4 with steep sections



AROUND THE BASIN



MTB AT MOKE LAKE, QUEENSTOWN

and tight bends. However, the spectacular views of Lake Whakatipu and The Remarkables make it worth the effort. The ride from Queenstown to Jack's Point is 26 kilometres with options to stop at Frankton Marina, The Hilton at Kawarau Falls and Jack's Point Club House for food and drinks.

Queenstown - Arrowtown

This stunning full-day ride is an adventure through some of Queenstown's most impressive scenery. Follow the Twin Rivers Trail on the way to Arrowtown, which takes you along

the Kawarau River, past the Shotover River and onto the Arrow River Bridges Trail. You will have earned lunch at one of Arrowtown's many restaurants. Return to Queenstown via Malaghan's Road and Arthurs Point. Stop in for a drink at the Gin Garden or Cargo Brewery on Arthurs Point Road.

Others

Seven Mile, Moke Lake Circuit and a variety of others. With 130kms of trails you can literally go anywhere you want with options to suit all skillsets and fitness levels.



DESTINATION QUEENSTOWN - MCNEARLY GNARLY, QUEENSTOWN

Downhill Biking

Skyline Queenstown Bike Park

One of Queenstown's best downhill parks is located right in Central Queenstown. This gondola-accessed mountain bike park offers 30 downhill tracks with the bonus of being able to jump on the gondola to get back to the top of the trails. At 450 metres above Queenstown, you'll enjoy unbeatable views and world-class downhill trails through the trees.

Coronet Peak

When the snow melts at Coronet Peak, the bike trails are on. Coronet Peak offers a range of fast-flowing, purpose-built single tracks. You'll find plenty of technical riding on offer the option to jump on the bike shuttle to get back to the top.

Mountain Bike Trail

Macetown

The Macetown trail is a thirty-two-kilometre ride along the Arrow River into the old gold mining town of Macetown. While the gold miners are long gone, the trail offers a glimpse into what life would have been like for those hardy gold miners living in the river gorge during the 1862 gold rush. There are no cafés or amenities along this part of the river, so be prepared and well-equipped. The trail crosses the river over 40 times, so you should also be prepared to get wet.



CONOR MACFARLANE, SKYLINE BIKE PARK

Explore Queenstown's best scenery by bike



We are the most experienced local experts specialising in biking adventures on the stunning Queenstown Trail.

With over 140kms of scenic purpose-built off-road cycle trails connecting Queenstown, Arrowtown, Gibbston wine region, and Jacks Point. Discover the best of Queenstown with us!

We have a large fleet of the latest model electric and hardtail mountain bikes available for hire and also offer shuttles to and from the best rides in the area.

At Around The Basin our aim is to give every level of rider the opportunity to experience the stunning Queenstown Trail network.

Bike The Wineries

Self-guided ride

Full Day (our recommendation)

Half Day (for those short on available time)

Exploring the stunning Gibbston wine region at your leisure from our informative winery map with 6+ wineries and a tavern to choose from.

The full day option starts in the morning with approx 21kms of riding. The half day option starts in the afternoon with approx 9kms of riding.

Arrowtown to Gibbston Half Day

Self-guided ride

Shuttle with us to Arrowtown and ride this popular 15km scenic Arrow Bridges Trail through to Gibbston Valley winery. We will collect you and return you back to Queenstown.

Arrowtown to Queenstown

Self-guided ride

Shuttle to Arrowtown and allow the day to enjoy this adventurous 35km ride back to Queenstown. Enjoy café stops enroute or extend your ride out to Gibbston Valley for lunch before riding back to our shop in Queenstown.

What we provide

- » Bike and helmet
- » Trail map and full briefing of ride
- » Transport
- » The best trail information available

What to bring

- » Camera
- » Water and sunscreen
- » Activewear
- » A sense of adventure!

Shop Location

9 Duke Street in the centre of Queenstown



We also offer Mountain Bikes, Electrical Mountain Bikes, and Multi-Day Bike Hire from our shop in Queenstown

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Bike The Wineries (half day) - self-guided ride	\$85	\$65	2 pm	4 hours
Bike The Wineries (full day) - self-guided ride	\$100	\$80	10 am	8 hours
Arrowtown to Gibbston - self-guided ride	\$85	\$65	10 am & 12 pm	4 hours
Arrowtown to Queenstown - self-guided ride	\$85	\$65	10 am & 12 pm	4-8 hours

Child rates from 5-14 years. Under 5 are \$60 per child. Infant equipment available. Electric bike upgrades available on all experiences for additional \$50. Must be over 145cms tall.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Spa & Wellness

While Queenstown is renowned for adrenaline and adventure, it is also the place to take time out and relax. You'll find spas at many of Queenstown's luxury hotels. Around town, there are mobile massage services, hot pools, float spas, yoga studios, and relaxation retreats for the ultimate way to unwind.

ONSEN HOT POOLS



Queenstown's luxury mobile day spa



Queenstown's Mobile Massage specialists deliver a truly boutique service - one typically only found in a 5-star day spa. Whether it's from the comfort of your home, luxury private villa, boutique hotel or lodge suite, it's about being able to relax in your own environment.

Stay In & Indulge yourself. The drive home is taken care of

Choose from our perfectly curated treatment menu of Massage, Facials, Spa Packages, Couples Massage, Girls Weekend Pamper Parties, Body Scrubs, and Wraps – and let us deliver the well needed (and deserved) R&R to your doorstep in Queenstown.

Winners of the Luxury Travel Guide's Mobile Massage of the Year

Using only the finest products from signature aromatherapy oils and Organicspa professional spa products, and providing luxurious linens, hot towels, heated tables, and oils - complete with the smells and sounds of a day spa, the Indulge experience will stay with you even after your therapist has left.

What better way to truly relax than having the spa come to you?

If circumstances change, please contact us within 24 hours to avoid a 100% cancellation fee.

Experience	Adult	Duration
Massage: Relax, Deep Tissue, Pregnancy	\$160	from 60 minutes
Facials	\$160	from 60 minutes
Indulge Ritual	\$225	90 minutes
Indulge Signature Massage	\$260	120 minutes
Couples Mountain Escape (2 pax)	\$580	120 minutes
Group Packages (min 4 pax)	from \$150pp	from 60 minutes

Massage

- » 60min, 90min or 120min classic massages
- » Choose from Relax, Deep Tissue or Pregnancy
- » Tailored to suit your exact needs

Facials

- » Organicspa Skincare range used for facials
- » Specialised Organiceuticals facial treatments
- » Choose from Detox, Anti-aging or Moisture Infusion

Indulge Ritual

- » 60 minute massage with 30 minute facial

Indulge Signature Massage

- » This treatment works from your head to toes
- » Includes a deeply relaxing face and scalp massage, dissolving away all of your stress and tension

Couples Mountain Escape

- » Relax side by side
- » 60 minute massage with 60 minute facial

Group packages

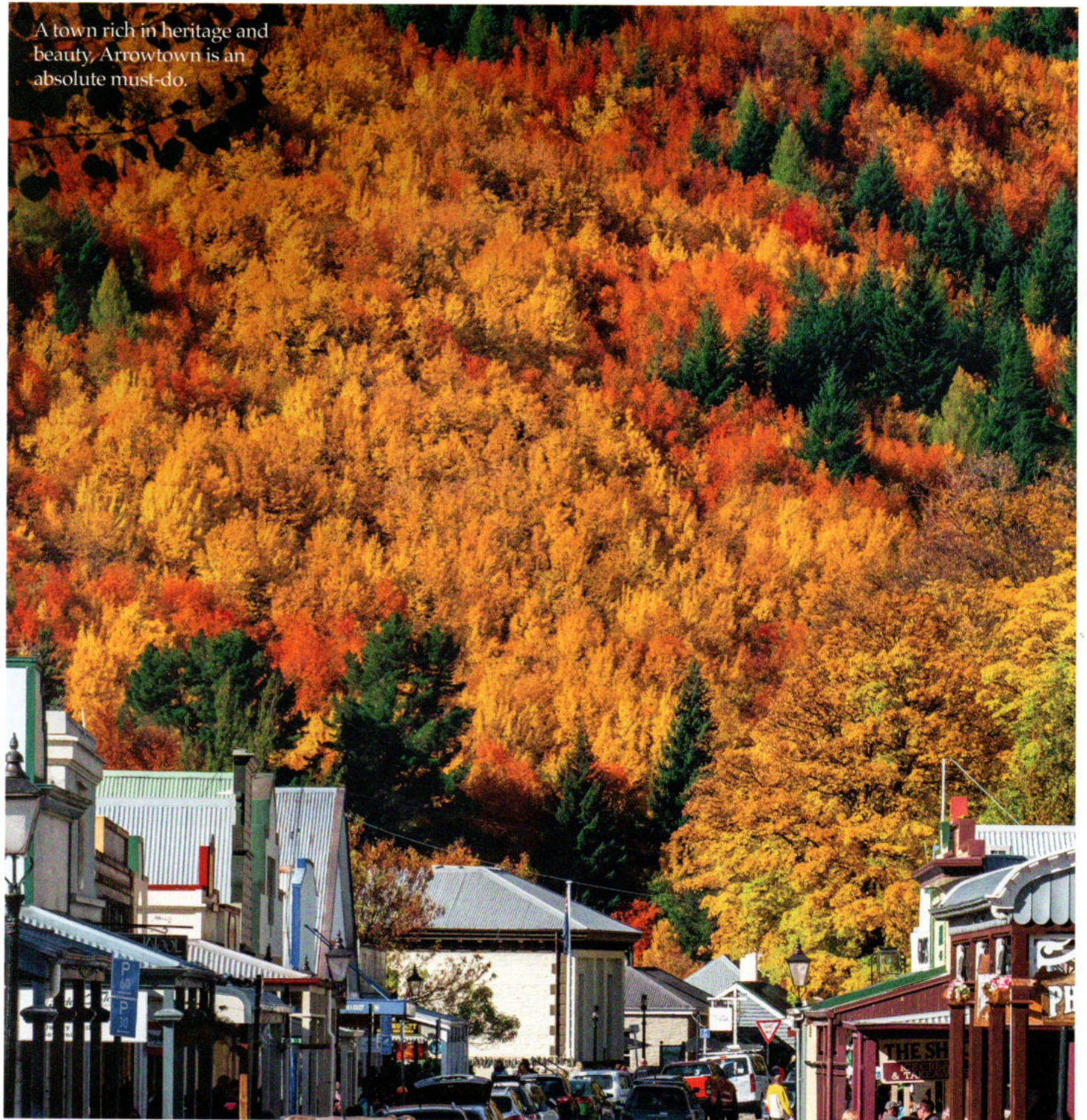
- » Indulge group packages are especially designed with groups of 4 or more in mind
- » 60min Pamper Party or 90min Getaway
- » Includes massages and/or facials



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reception.

Arrowtown

A town rich in heritage and beauty, Arrowtown is an absolute must-do.



Arrowtown is a quaint, historic gold town located twenty minutes from Queenstown. Once a quiet pastoral region, Arrowtown found itself in the midst of gold fever when gold was discovered on the Arrow River in 1862. Today, Arrowtown's gold mining past is lovingly preserved through its historic buildings, museum and thoughtful design of new buildings. The main street boasts some of the region's best restaurants, boutique stores, and galleries.

Things to do

Despite a population of just 3,000, Arrowtown offers two 18-hole golf courses—Millbrook and Arrowtown Golf Course—plus the private golf course, The Hills. Both The Hills and Millbrook are championship courses, with The Hills hosting the NZ Open for many years and Millbrook hosting the prestigious event in 2023. The Arrowtown Golf Club often appears in the list of New Zealand's top ten courses, making Arrowtown an absolute paradise for golf fans.

The Lakes District Museum & Gallery (page 48) is the region's main museum and has been described as one of New Zealand's best small museums. It provides a fascinating insight into the area's history from early Māori to the gold rush era. The museum is located on Buckingham Street, Arrowtown's main street.

Arrowtown's Chinese Settlement is a restored mining settlement near the Arrow River. A walk through the settlement gives an insight into the modest living conditions of the Chinese miners who came to the region in their thousands towards the end of the gold rush.

Macetown is a gold-mining ghost town located 15 kilometres up the Arrow River. It is possible to walk or bike to Macetown, but with over 22 river crossings and steep climbs to negotiate, driving is a better option for most. The track is only accessible by 4WD, and even then, it is a challenging route. Pure Glenorchy offers Macetown guided tours (page 43).

A few of the more popular walks around Arrowtown are Sawpit Gully Trail, Tobins Track, and the Arrow River Trail. If you're feeling adventurous, you could try the hike or bike to Macetown. For bike rentals, we suggest using Around the Basin Bikes (page 57).

For a relaxing and sophisticated evening out in Arrowtown, look no further than Dorothy Browns—a cosy and quaint cinema with large comfortable seats and cheeseboards and local wines served at intermission.

Arrowtown Autumn Festival

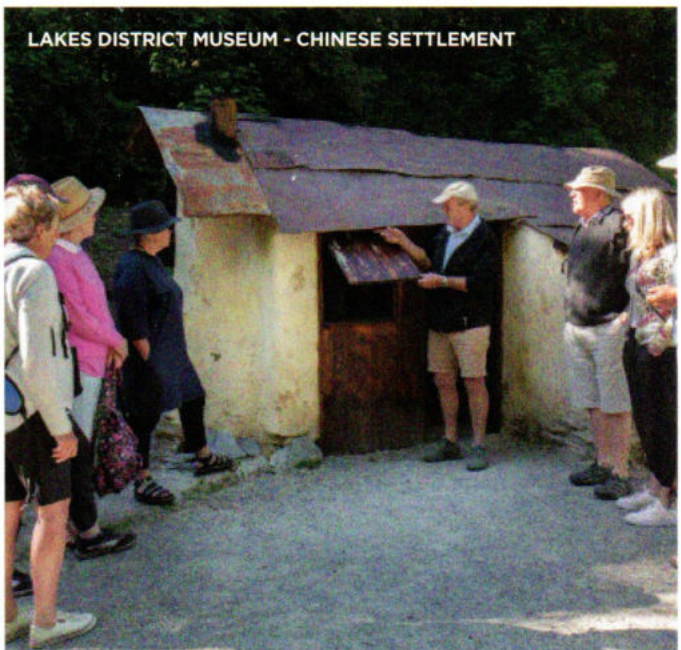
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In Autumn, the hills around Arrowtown put on a most spectacular show. As the leaves change colour, a kaleidoscope of oranges, browns, reds and yellows transform the landscape. This incredible show from Mother Nature is celebrated with the five-day Arrowtown Autumn Festival, attracting locals and visitors for live entertainment, events, and markets.

Food & Drink

The Fork and Tap at the end of town is one of Arrowtown's most popular beer gardens. As the day draws to an end, you can move things to the locals' favourite, The Blue Door. Hidden down a side street, this eclectic bar is full of character and often hosts live music. Arrowtown is also home to a few wineries and cellar doors, and the famed Gibbston wine region is only a bike ride away. For more information, please see the Wineries & Wine Tours section (pages 50-53).

Arrowtown offers an incredible standard and selection of dining options. Arrowtown's restaurants attract some of the country's best chefs, with the crown jewel being Amisfield (page 92), which recently took out Cuisine's Restaurant of the Year award. For a more casual bite, Arrowtown Bakery may just have some of the best pies in the region. And no visit to Arrowtown is complete without a visit to Patagonia Chocolates and their to-die-for chocolates and ice cream.



Arrowtown Shopping

If you fancy a relaxing day of shopping, then look no further than Arrowtown. The main street, although small, hosts an abundant selection of shops from top-end fashion boutiques to souvenir shops selling hand-crafted pounamu and jewellery.

Browsing Arrowtown's main street is a delight. Many of the town's original buildings have been preserved and transformed into shops, restaurants, and galleries. Buckingham Street gives a taste of what life back in the early 1900s would have been like. New buildings are thoughtfully designed to sit in harmony with the heritage buildings giving the whole town a quaint, architectural feel.

While many of Arrowtown's buildings are old, don't let this fool you. Arrowtown is home to some of the best designer boutiques, and galleries in the district—and there is not a chain store in sight. In Arrowtown, you will also find plenty of New Zealand-made merino clothing, including the famous merino-mink (wool and possum fur blend).

Souvenir Shops

Arrowtown is a great place to browse for something special to take home as a gift. The Gold Nugget is the place to find original arts, crafts, and Māori carved items. The Jade & Opal Factory is where you can find original pounamu (greenstone) jewellery or discuss a personalised piece with the carver.

A visit to The Gold Shop is a must-do and is a chance to see a range of unique gold jewellery and the largest collection of locally sourced gold nuggets.

Clothing Shops

Arrowtown offers an impressive collection of high-end designer boutique clothing stores all stocking local and international brands. For the last 30 years, The WoolPress has been the Arrowtown go-to shopping destination for all things New Zealand. Goals is a luxury leisure and active wear store that embodies stylish, casual living. IKON is Arrowtown's Boutique Fashion store and home to New Zealand and International designers. Te Huia is a luxury lifestyle store – a destination for quality eco-friendly fashion – and an authorised stockist of Canada Goose™ vests and accessories. For the discerning shopper, Wallace & Gibbs offers a stunning range of top New Zealand and high fashion labels for both Men and Women. Whatever your style, Arrowtown's shops have you covered.



Arrowtown Galleries

For original New Zealand artworks, visit the Jenny Mehrtens Gallery on Buckingham Street or The Arrowtown Gallery on Wiltshire Street.

Food & Drink Shops

After a full day of shopping, you'll need to refuel. Arrowtown's main street has you covered. Visit Gibbston Valley Cheese to try their selection of award-winning cheeses, the famous Remarkable Sweet Shop which stocks every sweet under the sun and offers free tastings of their remarkable fudge and nougat, or you can drop into The Winery to try their impressive selection of wines before selecting your favourite to take home with you.



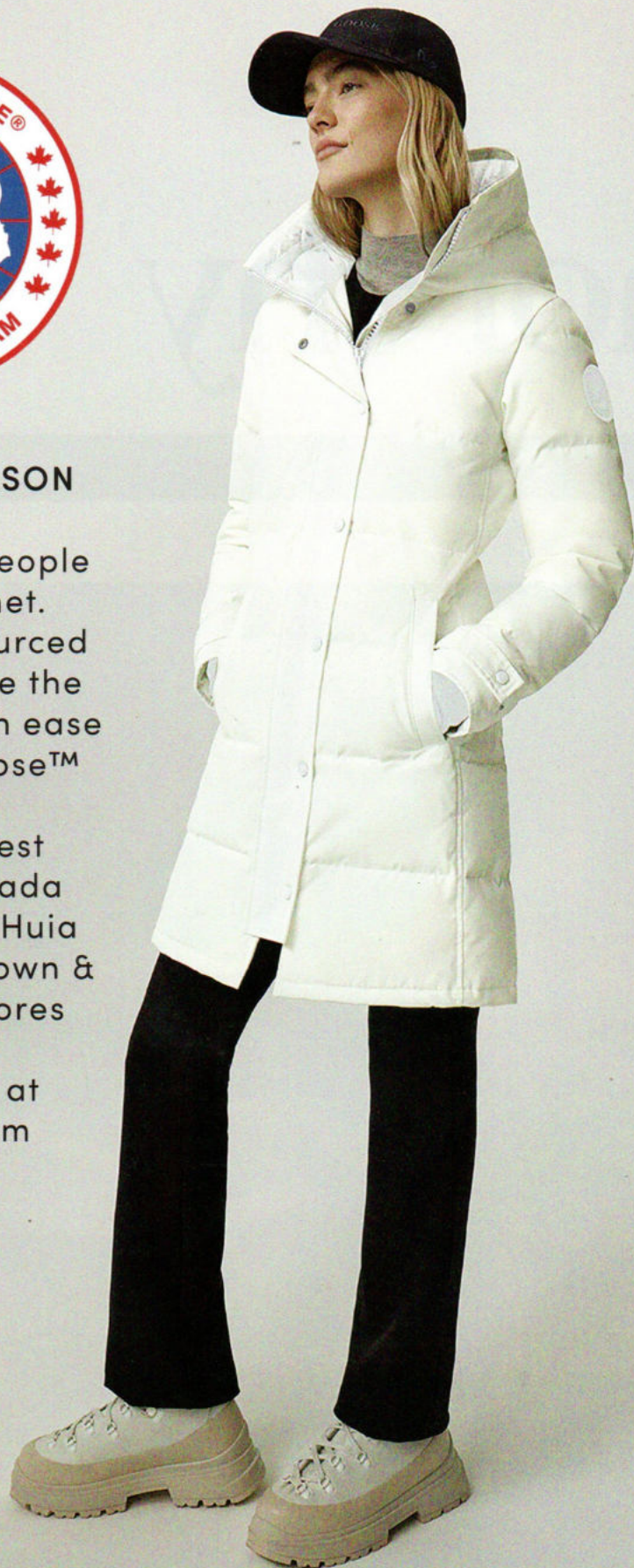


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Glenorchy

Breathtaking hardly begins to describe the treasure that is Glenorchy. Just 45 minutes from Queenstown, this little town may be small in size but delivers wilderness and scenery on an epic scale.





DART RIVER ADVENTURES

The journey to Glenorchy is renowned as one of the world's most spectacular drives, and it is this experience that has put Glenorchy firmly on the must-do list. However, there is much more on offer in this spectacular location at the head of Lake Whakatipu.

With braided, glacial-fed rivers and enchanting forests surrounded by the striking snow-capped mountains of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Mt Aspiring National Park, Glenorchy is a true outdoor adventurers' playground.

The Queenstown to Glenorchy road winds its way along the shores of Lake Whakatipu, delivering postcard moments at every turn. The drive takes around 45 minutes, however, it's advisable to allow extra time to utilise the bays and photo stops along the way. The road to Glenorchy can be icy in the Winter so make sure you drive to the conditions.

The township of Glenorchy sits on the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park and is the perfect place to get away from it all and breathe in some fresh mountain air. Stop at one of the cafés, get a photo at the iconic red shed or explore the scenery with a walk or hike.

Lord of the Rings film locations

When you see Glenorchy, you will understand why it has featured in many blockbuster movies. Scenes from X-Men, Mission Impossible, Wolverine, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Hobbit, and the Lord of the Rings were filmed in Glenorchy. Some of the most memorable scenes from Lord of the Rings were filmed just out of Glenorchy, and fans still flock to the area twenty years later. Pure Glenorchy (page 43) offers half-day Glenorchy and LOTR tours departing Queenstown to LOTR film locations, and has exclusive access to Arcadia Station, one of the key filming locations.

The Dart River

The Dart River is fed by glacial run-off from the Dart Glacier and is surrounded by beech forests, rugged mountains, and a few famous film locations. Operated by Ngāi Tahu, the Māori iwi (tribe) of the South Island, Dart River Adventures has the sole rights to operate on the river and offers jet boat and funyak (inflatable kayaks) trips through the pristine waters.

The Rees River

The Rees River is one of the main tributaries of Lake Whakatipu. It flows from a remote alpine catchment in Mt Aspiring National Park to the beautiful Rees Valley. Horse-trekking operator High Country Horses is located near the Rees River and offers a range of trekking options, from one-hour rides to five-day backcountry excursions. A High Country Horses experience may be one of the most picturesque horse rides you'll ever do.



ICONIC RED SHED - PHOTO BY DESTINATION QUEENSTOWN



PURE GLENORCHY

Paradise

No trip to Glenorchy is complete without a visit to the aptly named Paradise. The settlement lies down a 13km gravel road on the eastern side of the Dart River and is home to multiple LOTR filming locations. The native beech forests and mountain scenery are truly breathtaking. Dart River Adventures, High Country Horses, and Pure Glenorchy's tours all enable you to experience this magical place.

Walking & Hiking

Glenorchy is a paradise for keen walkers and hikers. The area is the gateway to the Routeburn Track, one of the ten Great Walks of New Zealand, as well as the Greenstone and Caples tracks. The multi-day Rees-Dart loop track along the Rees and Dart valleys, takes you high into Mt Aspiring National Park. There is also plenty to enjoy closer to Glenorchy, like the lagoon walk or Diamond Creek and Lake Sylvan.

If you love the outdoors and natural beauty, Glenorchy will not disappoint. With only one road in and out, you will truly feel like you have reached the edge of the world!

A braid of world- class beauty and local knowledge



Come and explore the stunning landscapes of the Dart River Valley and the renowned Te Wāhipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Area.

Dart River Adventures are proud to be the only jet boat operator with access to the Dart River.

Choose from memorable adventures combining breath-taking scenery with exciting jet boating on braided, glacier-fed rivers. Learn the history of this untouched world as our guides share fascinating stories, including the legends of Māori who travelled the Greenstone trails.

Wilderness Jet Experience

Journey from the head of Lake Whakatipu down the braided Dart River past towering mountain ranges and ancient native forests. This 90km adventure is perfect for manuhiri (customers) wanting a relaxed pace to soak up the spectacular scenery of the world-renowned Mt Aspiring National Park. 2-hour trip.

Fun-Yakking

Fun-Yakking is a great way to power-up your Dart River experience. Take an exhilarating jet boat ride from Glenorchy up the Dart River then float back down stream with our expert guides in funyaks. Explore hidden streams, rock pools and a dramatic chasm. This full day experience includes a gourmet picnic lunch before travelling to Paradise and Glenorchy via coach.

Be prepared

- » Summer: Bring sunglasses, sun hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and a warm outer layer
- » Don't forget your camera!
- » Children must be at least 3 years old for jetboating and 5 years old for Fun-Yakking
- » This experience is not recommended if you are pregnant
- » If you have any specific medical conditions or suffer from back or neck problems, please tell us when you book your tickets so we can assess and advise your suitability to ride with us

Getting there

- » Wilderness Jet Experience and Fun-Yakking adventures include a complimentary return shuttle from The Station Information Centre, 25 Shotover Street, Queenstown
- » Complimentary shuttles from Queenstown to Glenorchy take 1 hour 45 minutes one-way
- » If making your own travel arrangements, allow 1 hour to drive from Queenstown to Glenorchy
- » Manuhiri (customers) can drive directly to Glenorchy to experience any of our trips
- » Please drive to the conditions

Dart River Adventures are proud to be the only jet boat operator with access to the Dart River.



Experience	Adult	Child	Family	Departure	Duration
Wilderness Jet Experience	\$279	\$ 185	\$734	2x per day	2 hours
Fun-Yakking	\$399	\$305	\$ 1103	8.30 am	Full day

Adult (aged 16+)| Children (aged 5-15 years)| Family Pass (2 adults/2 children)
Fun-Yakking: 8:30am departure from Queenstown. Return to Queenstown 4:30 - 5:00pm

To check
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please ask your
concierge or at
reception.

Guided horse trekking from one hour to five days



High Country Horses is one of the original horse trekking businesses in the Whakatipu region. We are lucky to own many breeds of equine so whether you are a beginner or experienced rider, we have the horse for you.

We offer rides through glacial river channels with stunning backdrops that were used in the 'Lord of the Rings Trilogy', up the side of mountains and deep into the surrounding valleys. We have access to over 100,00 acres of privately owned farm land encompassing the Dart River, Paradise Valley and Rees Valley.

Our Mid Rivers Ride and Rees Rivers Trail cater for beginners, intermediate and experienced riders looking for a relaxed paced scenic trail. Our Rees River Pro and Mountain High River Deep rides are for experienced riders only due to terrain taken on these rides.

Rees River Trail (all levels of riders)

Ride across farmland and out onto the Rees River, crossing glacial fed waters, ride amongst the lupin fields, and be awe-inspired by our beautiful snow-capped mountain ranges made famous by the LOTR.

Rees River PRO (experienced riders only)

For those that know how to ride! Includes all the highlights of the Rees River Trail but with the exhilaration of exploring it at pace with a group of capable riders that can keep up! Min of 2 riders required for this ride

Location

- » We're located 15 minutes past Glenorchy
- » Allow 1 hour minimum from Queenstown
- » Rated in the top 10 scenic drives in the world
- » Drive to the conditions in Winter as roads can be icy

What's included

- » Helmets (mandatory)
- » Gumboots and dry as a bone jackets

What to bring

- » Please dress to the weather conditions
- » Long pants and closed toes shoes such as hiking boots, sneakers or trainers are mandatory all year round
- » Summer requires sunscreen and light layers for sun protection
- » Winter temperatures can drop below freezing so thermals will be your best friend. Warm socks, gloves and a scarf would be recommended



Rated in the top 10% of travel attractions worldwide –
TripAdvisor travellers choice 2021

Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Mid Rivers Ride	\$110	\$110	12.30 pm	1 hour
Rees River Trail	\$220	\$210	9 am & 2.30 pm	2.5 hours
Rees River Pro	\$250	\$250	2 pm	2.5 hours
Mountain High Deep River	\$460	\$460	9 am	Full Day

Maximum weight is 95kgs, minimum age is 7 years old. Rides longer than our 2.5 hour Rees River Trail are for experienced riders only. Children are 14 & under, and must be accompanied by an adult.

To check availability please ask your concierge or at reception.

Cardrona, Wānaka and Cromwell

Wānaka, the smaller sister of Queenstown, provides the perfect day trip. Don't forget to take a photo of the iconic tree!



THE WĀNAKA TREE

It takes just under an hour to travel from Queenstown to Wānaka, but with so much on offer along the way, the journey could easily take longer. Discover what's on offer 'over the hill' with a day trip to Cardrona, Wānaka and Cromwell.

The Crown Range

Between the two popular towns of Queenstown and Wānaka lies one of New Zealand's most spectacular drives. The 69-kilometre journey over the Crown Range pass (1,120m) and into the Cardrona Valley winds its way through a quintessential Central Otago landscape.

The Cardrona Valley

A highlight of the Crown Range journey is a visit to the Cardrona Valley and the settlement of Cardrona. You'll know you're there when you spot the iconic sight of the Cardrona Hotel. During the 1862 gold rush, Cardrona flourished reaching a peak population of 1,000. While the gold miners have gone, the Cardrona Hotel provides a treasure trove of memorabilia, and its garden bar is one of the region's best.

Cardrona is also home to Cardrona Alpine Resort and Snow Farm (page 19), the latter offering world-class cross-country skiing. The newest arrival is the Cardrona Distillery and cellar door, where locally sourced single malt whiskies, gin and liqueur are produced.

Wānaka

A further twenty minutes down the road and you arrive in the beautiful township of Wānaka, sitting peacefully on the shores of Lake Wānaka. Many of Wānaka's restaurants and bars are located along Ardmore Street and offer a front-row seat to the jaw-dropping view.

In Wānaka, Puzzling World is one of the must-do activities when visiting. With a selection of mind-bending illusion rooms inside, and a massive maze outside, this local institution should not be missed. Or if you are looking for an adrenaline-fueled adventure then you could always jump out of a plane with Skydive Wānaka.

Wānaka is also home to the Treble Cone Ski Area (page 20). Renowned for its steep runs and off-piste terrain, Treble Cone is the South Islands largest ski area.

Cromwell

Return to Queenstown via Cromwell and the Kawarau Gorge for a change of scenery. Cromwell is a renowned fruit-growing region best known for its stone fruit. Look out for the pick-your-own orchards.

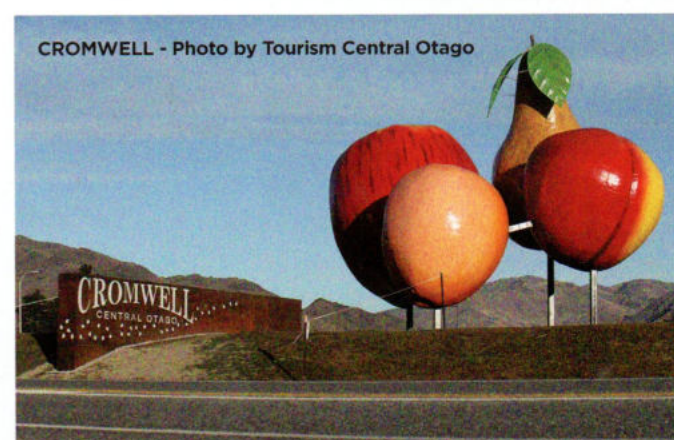
A Cromwell highlight is Highlands Motorsport Park. Highlands is a world-class motorsports facility featuring a 4.1-kilometre racetrack, motorsports museum and hot laps in high-performance vehicles. There are also Go Karts, a mini golf course and a café. You don't have to be a motorsport enthusiast to enjoy a day here.

Kawarau Gorge & Gibbston

After Cromwell, the road begins to wind its way through the Kawarau Gorge, following the mighty Kawarau River. The Kawarau River's powerful water has carved the steep, jagged walls of the gorge.

One hundred years ago, Kawarau Gorge was bustling with gold miners. You may spot remnants of gold miners' houses along the rocky canyon walls near the Goldfields Mining Centre.

If you're feeling the need for thrills on the way back to Queenstown, pull into Oxbow Adventure Co. (page 41) Here you'll find an impressive line-up, including jet sprint boats on a custom-built racecourse, off-roading with near vertical hill climbs and clay bird shooting.



And lastly, the world-famous Gibbston wine region. This area is known as the 'valley of the vines' and is home to some of the world's best producers of Pinot Noir. Take some time to explore the valley and its many cellar doors, wine tours and restaurants. To find out more, visit our Wineries & Wine Tours section (pages 50-53).

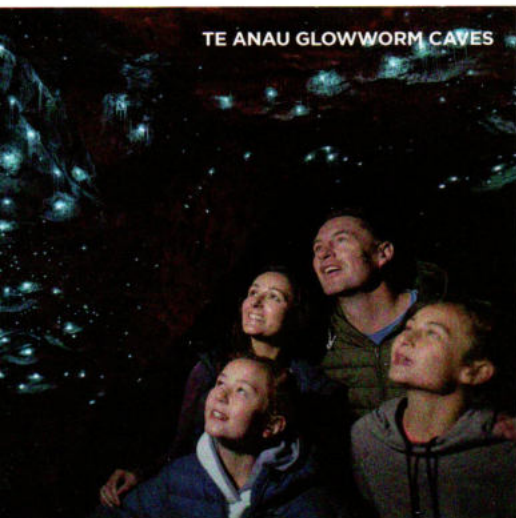
Fiordland

A UNESCO World Heritage area, Fiordland National Park is one of New Zealand's most spectacular wilderness areas.



MILFORD SOUND - PHOTO BY GREAT SOUTH

TE ANAU GLOWWORM CAVES



Fiordland covers 1.2 million hectares, and within this vast national park lie some of New Zealand's most beautiful natural landscapes. Here you will find glaciers, steep mountain ranges, lush forests, lakes, rivers and of course the fiords, which so many visitors come to the area to see.

How to get there

The fastest way to get to Fiordland is by fixed-wing plane or helicopter. There are many options leaving from Queenstown Airport. Alternatively, you can take a scenic coach tour or self-drive. The drive to Milford Sound takes around four hours, but the scenery along the way makes it more than worth it.

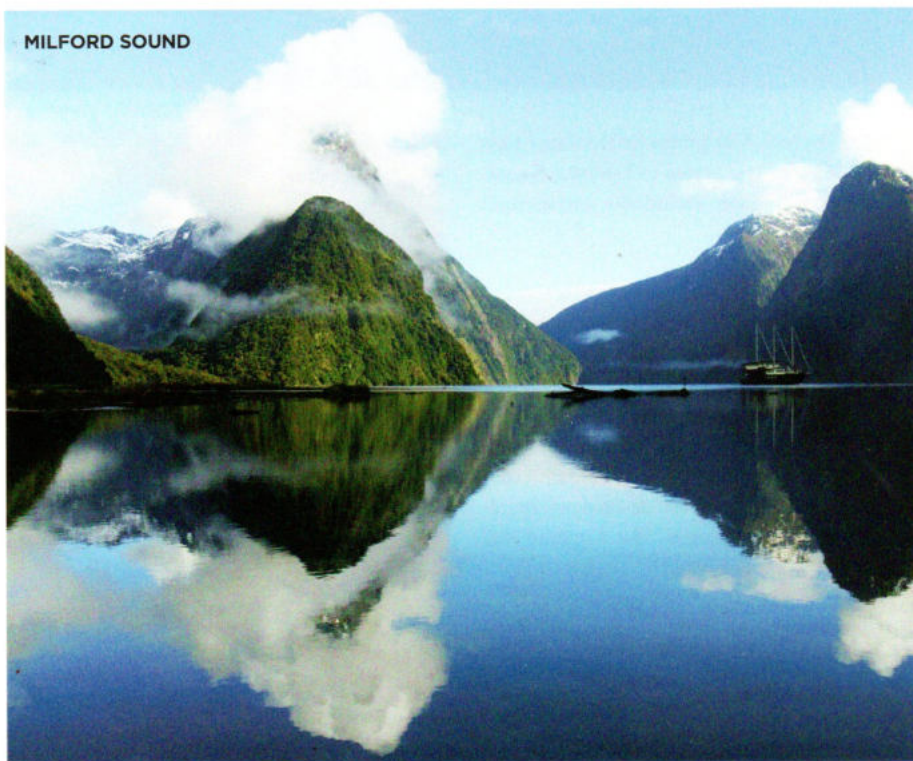
Te Anau

Te Anau is a small town nestled on the edge of Lake Te Anau and is the gateway to Fiordland. RealNZ offers one of Te Anau's most popular activities; a cruise across Lake Te Anau and a guided tour of the sparkling glow worm caves. Te Anau also has a small golf course and several cafés and restaurants in the centre of town, with the pick of the bunch being the Redcliff Café.

Milford Sound & Doubtful Sound

Both Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound are stunning in their own way. If you speak to people who have visited both, there will be no clear winner for which is better. Each fiord offers an indescribable experience that may become the highlight of your holiday in New Zealand.

MILFORD SOUND



Famously described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound is the jewel in Fiordland's crown. It's the region's most popular attraction thanks to the spectacular Milford road, which makes it possible to drive from Te Anau to Milford Sound in an hour and a half. Rain or shine, this place and its towering peaks will leave you speechless.

Unlike Milford Sound, there is no direct road access to Doubtful Sound. As a result, Doubtful is an untouched paradise off the beaten track. To visit Doubtful Sound, you will need to join one of the scenic tours that depart Manapouri. The trip involves a cruise across Lake Manapouri, a bus ride over the majestic Wilmot Pass Road and into the fiord for a boat cruise. Getting there is part of the magic.

The most popular way to see the fiords is with a scenic boat cruise. There are also kayaking options in both fiords and the option to experience Milford Sound from the air and fully appreciate the scale of this vast natural wilderness area. To find out more, see the Air Activities section on pages 30-37.

Lakes and Rivers

While Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound often take the limelight, there are a number of other gems around Fiordland. The Waiau River is teeming with brown trout and runs between Lake Te Anau and the beautiful and peaceful Lake Manapouri. The Mavora Lakes are found on the road between Queenstown and Te Anau and are a favourite camping spot for locals. Lake Hauroko in southern Fiordland is a true hidden gem. Dusky Sound is even more untouched and remote than Doubtful Sound.

Hiking

For most, hiking is what Fiordland is all about. Three of the ten Great Walks of New Zealand are found in Fiordland. The Milford Track, Kepler Track and Routeburn Track are all world-class, multi-day hikes that trek through the diverse Fiordland environment. To find out more about hikes, see the Walking & Hiking section on pages 12-13.

DOUBTFUL SOUND



Bringing you closer to nature



Uncover Aotearoa New Zealand's best-kept secret, Doubtful Sound. Tucked away in remote Fiordland, a journey to Doubtful is always a real adventure. Cruise across peaceful Lake Manapouri, and coach over the lush Wilmot Pass, before arriving into the fiord. Known as the more expansive and lengthier sister of Milford Sound, in Doubtful Sound, you can find yourself completely off-grid for a day and immersed in nature.

What's Included

- » 3-hour cruise of the secluded Doubtful Sound
- » Possible wildlife sightings: seals, dolphins, whales and more
- » Journey across the spectacular Lake Manapouri and Wilmot Pass
- » Return coach transfers from Queenstown available

Getting there

The Journey to Doubtful Sound is a real adventure into the great backcountry of Fiordland National Park. Sit back and relax and allow one of our expert drivers to collect you from Queenstown and drive you to Manapouri while providing insightful and interesting stories about the local area. From Manapouri, you'll cruise across the lake, over to the start of Wilmot's Pass. Known as the most expensive road in New Zealand, it is only

reachable by boat. Our professional Wilmot Pass drivers will take you across to Doubtful Sound, where you will climb aboard the custom-built Patea Explorer.

Exploring Doubtful Sound

The cruise around Doubtful Sound will give you plenty of opportunities for photographs of Fiordland's pristine wilderness, and you'll be present amongst some of New Zealand's most unique flora and fauna. The remoteness of the fiord attracts an abundance of wildlife, making Doubtful Sound a must-do destination for all nature lovers and explorers. The magic of this place can only be experienced first-hand.

What to Bring

Weather can change quickly in Fiordland, so bring something for all outcomes! Pack non-slip shoes, a waterproof jacket, a warm sweater, sunscreen, sunglasses, and insect repellent and don't forget your camera.

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Check-in 20 minutes prior to departure. 24 hours notice required for refund. Prices and schedules are correct at the time of print. RealNZ reserves the right to amend timetables, cancel departures, substitute plant / equipment and alter ticket prices at any time.



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Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Doubtful Sound Cruise and Coach - Queenstown Departure	\$289	\$159	6.55 am	Allow up to 13 hours
Doubtful Wilderness Cruise only	\$229	\$99	Multiple	Allow up to 8 hours

Child rates are for 5-15 year olds, infants (0 - 4 years) travel free

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reception.

Bringing you closer to nature



Discover the eighth wonder of the world when you take a journey to the magical Piopiotahi Milford Sound. Always an awe-inspiring sight, whatever the weather, soak up real Aotearoa New Zealand wilderness with Milford's thundering waterfalls, native wildlife, sheer mountains and clear waters.

At RealNZ we guarantee uninterrupted views and unlimited perspective. A trip to Milford Sound gives endless photo opportunities in a location you'll never forget, with fantastic home comforts available on our café cruise: The Milford Haven.

On our cruise

- » Three decks of spacious, panoramic viewing
- » Gastro-pub style menu cooked by our onboard chef
- » Available craft beer and local wine
- » Freshly baked cabinet goods and barista coffee

What to bring

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Milford Sound Cruise and Coach

Queenstown Departure

Getting there is half of the adventure. Our coaches are designed to maximise your experience on the journey to Milford, and are equipped with glass roofs, expansive windows, and comfortable seating. You'll be happy you left the driving to us when your eyes are fixed on the stunning scenery and you're listening to our professional driver's entertaining storytelling.

Milford Sound Cruise

Self Drive

Enjoy a cruise through Milford Sound on our purpose-built vessel, the Milford Haven, and feel immersed in nature from the comfort of our cosy seating. Explore our spacious decks, enjoy our onboard café, treat yourself to a barista-made coffee, and enjoy close-ups of Milford Sound's powerful waterfalls.

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Experience	Adult	Child	Departure	Duration
Milford Sound Cruise and Coach - Queenstown Departure	\$219	\$119	6.55 am	Allow up to 13 hours
Milford Sound Cruise	\$109	\$45	Multiple	Allow up to 2 hours

Child rates (5 – 15 years), infants (0 – 4 years). Exceptions: Milford Sound Coach Cruise Coach infants are charged as children.

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Experience Milford Sound up close and personal



Mitre Peak Cruises has been giving our customers an up-close and personal experience of Milford Sound for over 18 years. Our small group tours and cruises offer the most intimate wildlife and scenery experience, with custom built boats designed for an immersive viewing experience. We offer four unbeatable ways to discover the beauty of one of the world's most scenic locations.

Our Cruises

Our 2-hour cruise takes in the best of Milford Sound and beyond, sailing out into the breathtaking Tasman Sea.

Along the journey, our informative guides point out Milford Sound's scenic highlights, such as Lady Bowen Falls (dropping 160 meters down to the sea), Sinbad Gully (a classic example of a hanging valley). Snow capped Mount Pembroke, and the awe-inspiring Mitre Peak itself, towering 1692 meters above sea level. Complimentary Tea & Coffee available.

What to bring

- » Camera
- » Insect repellent
- » Some warm clothing
- » Sensible footwear
- » Water bottle
- » Snacks

Coach Cruise Coach from Queenstown

Departing from Queenstown, you'll travel to Milford Sound in a comfortable, modern Mercedes van with panoramic windows for superior viewing, as your driver shares their extensive knowledge of the area along the picturesque Milford Road. Along the drive you'll see local points of beauty such as Mirror Lakes, Knobs Flat and the famous Eglington Valley. This is followed by your 2-hour cruise of Milford Sound.



Coach Cruise Fly from Queenstown

Our Coach Cruise Fly includes all of the above plus an epic birds-eye view of this untouched region as you fly back. Fly over snow-capped mountain ranges, tumbling waterfalls and sparkling lakes including the breath-taking and incredibly blue Lake Wakatipu upon landing in Queenstown.



Having smaller boats (approx. 20 metres in length) allows Mitre Peak Cruises to navigate closer to the shoreline, getting our guests up close to the incredible surroundings.



Experience	Adult	Child	Infant	Departure	Duration
Cruise Only	\$109	\$40		11 am, 1.30 pm	2 hours
Coach Cruise Coach Ex Queenstown	\$229	\$125	\$65	7 am	12 hours
Coach Cruise Walk Ex Te Anu	\$189	\$95	\$25	8.30 am	8 hours
Coach Cruise Fly Ex Queenstown	\$675	\$405	\$65	7 am	8.5 hours

Children: 4-14 years inclusive. Children under 4 years are free of charge (FOC). Children under 4 years are FOC on flight if they sit on adult's lap if less than 11kgs. Children over 11kgs will be charged at 50% of adult retail rate.

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Experience Milford Sound the local way

Cruise
Milford
Milford Sound NZ



Join our Boutique Small Boat Cruise and experience Milford Sound the "local" way, up-close and personal. Being the only family owned and operated day cruise provider at Milford Sound, we offer a unique experience with local guides who are passionate about sharing their stories with you.

Why book with Cruise Milford?

Quality over quantity is one of the core values of what we do. The boats are surveyed for 150 passengers but we limit numbers on-board to 50% for an enhanced viewing experience. This guarantees your cruise will be uncrowded and gives our nature guides the opportunity to share their knowledge with you on a very personal level. As locals we know all the secret spots. During the cruise we stop at several points of interest like the Hanging Gardens, the Fairy and Stirling Falls and local seal colonies.

Relax with complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the skipper's commentary while marvelling at the breath-taking scenery. The smaller size of the vessel enables us to get you up close and personal with the local wildlife like New Zealand Fur Seals, dolphins and the very rare Fiordland Crested Penguin (spring/early summer). A "Glacial Facial" under the Stirling Falls is an experience not to be missed. The best thing about a day at Milford Sound is that the weather doesn't matter! On a sunny day, it is beautiful, and on a wet day, it is spectacular! There are only 2 permanent waterfalls at Milford

Sound, on a rainy day hundreds of temporary waterfalls can be seen cascading down the steep cliff faces.

Small Group Day Tours

Don't feel like driving yourself, join one of our Small Group Day Tours from Queenstown or Te Anau and relax while fully immersing yourself in this unique area. A packed lunch and our Boutique Small Boat Cruise at Milford Sound are included in this guided tour. With more than 12 stops for refreshments, photos and short walks through the heart of Fiordland, we make sure you'll get to see it all. Our guides will share their local stories and interesting facts so that you can gain a deeper understanding of this remarkable area and its people.

Keeping the group size to 18 passengers makes this tour very personal and enables our guides to really show you everything the Fiordland National Park has to offer.

Queenstown pickup locations

We pick up from selected hotels around town. Your closest pickup location will be confirmed at the time of booking.

What to bring

- » Camera
- » Insect repellent
- » Sensible footwear
- » Water bottle
- » Snacks



Experience	Adult	Child	Infant	Duration	Departure
Cruise Only (self-drive to Milford Sound)	\$115	\$35		105 minutes	10.45 am, 12.45 pm, 2.45 pm
Small Group Day Tour from Te Anau	\$189	\$109		8-9 hours	8 am
Small Group Day Tour from Queenstown	\$249	\$219	\$100	12 hours	6.30 am

Both Small Group Day Tours include a packed lunch and a Boutique Small Boat Cruise at Milford Sound. Complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits on-board cruise, we encourage guests to bring their own snacks and drinks along. Prices correct at the time of print and subject to change, please check website for up to date cruise departures and prices

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Queenstown Shopping

When it's time to take a break from outdoor adventures, head to central Queenstown for a day of shopping. Queenstown's retail precinct is an exciting affair, offering everything from uber-luxury to hand-made and traditional.





Set against a stunning alpine setting, Queenstown is an impressive place to spend a day shopping. The town's range of high-quality local and international brands are as impressive as the surrounding views. Everything is easily walkable, and when it's time for a break, there is a welcoming selection of cafés and restaurants along the lakefront to choose from.

Where to go

The main streets for shopping in central Queenstown are Shotover Street—where many of the activity booking offices are found, Camp Street, Ballarat Street and Beach Street by the lake. There are also retail areas in Frankton by the airport and in Arrowtown, a twenty-minute drive away.

Retail options in Queenstown cover everything from international luxury brands to souvenirs. If you need to shop for hiking, biking or mountaineering gear, you're in luck. There is an outdoor equipment store on every street in Queenstown, and you will find the staff highly knowledgeable and experienced in all things outdoors.

Retail stores

Queenstown will satisfy the most discerning of shoppers, whether you're looking for something uniquely Kiwi or from well-known international brands. A few of the highlights in central Queenstown are Angel Divine, Seletti and Decode, where you will find a range of jewellery, fashion and accessories from talented domestic and international designers.

The newest edition to the Queenstown shopping scene is T-Galleria in O'Connell's Mall. T-Galleria, by duty-free brand DFS, is a sophisticated shopping experience where you will find the best international and local brands, including Dior Beauty, La Mer, Ralph Lauren, and local offerings such as Manuka South and Antipodes. T-Galleria offers over 120 brands, with nearly 40 of these being exclusive to DFS.

You will also find a wide selection of high-quality clothing stores for men and women. The Queenstown offering is always diverse, and you can find everything from the highest level of luxury designer brands like Louis Vuitton to vintage, recycled boutiques.

Sergios Menswear on Athol Street is the place to find stylish menswear, formal hire and footwear. The store offers quality men's clothing, ranging from exclusive suits to everyday casual wear, teamed with a range of footwear and accessories. Brands include Hugo Boss, RM Williams, Diesel, Scotch and Soda, Joe Black, Ben Sherman, and more.

Te Huia, located in the Eichardt's Building in the Queenstown Mall, is a luxury lifestyle store and the destination for quality eco-friendly fashion. Stocking an extensive range of leading fashion brands, including being an authorised stockist of Canada Goose™ vests and accessories.

Outdoor Stores

With one of the main drawcards for Queenstown being outdoor adventures, it's no surprise Queenstown offers an abundance of outdoor clothing and equipment stores. Whether you're into skiing, snowboarding, climbing, camping, biking or hiking, you will find the clothing and equipment needed. Many of the specialised outdoor stores also offer workshops where you can get skis, snowboards and mountain bikes tuned or repaired.

Keep an eye out for the tiny doorway on Shotover Street that opens up into the Pandora's Box that is Small Planet. The Small Planet team are experts on all things ski, mountaineering, climbing and hiking, and the store is a Queenstown institution. They'll also help you out with frisbee rental if you're looking for a less strenuous adventure in the form of a game of frisbee golf in the Queenstown Gardens.

For expert mountain biking gear and advice, head to Around the Basin (page 57) on Duke Street. Around the Basin offers bike hire and ride packages, and the team are passionate about what they do. They'll share their knowledge on the best bike hire options as well as info on riding the Queenstown Trail Network.



QUEENSTOWN SHOPPING

Souvenir Stores

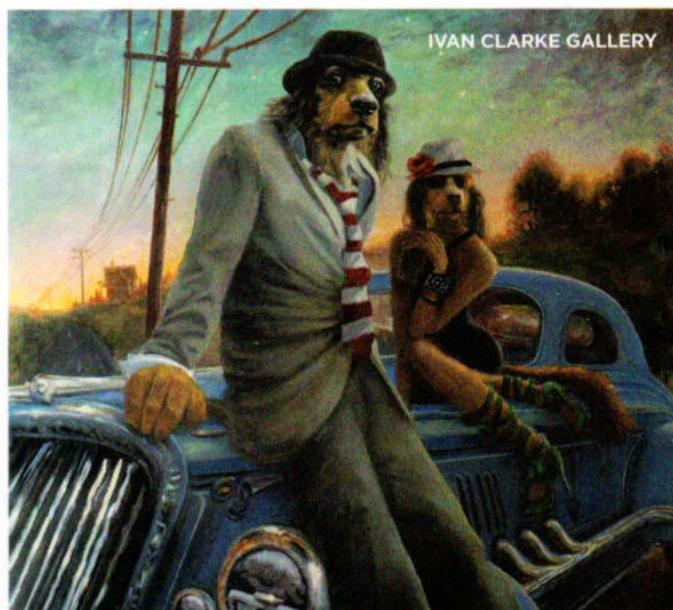
Don't leave Queenstown without a memento of your holiday. With so many souvenir shops around central Queenstown, you're sure to find something to suit your budget, whether it's a quirky fridge magnet or a custom-made piece of pounamu (greenstone). Souvenirs come in the form of Lord of the Rings merchandise, New Zealand's famous manuka honey, Māori carvings and jewellery or a wonderful range of local arts and crafts. There are more options to shop for hand-made and unique gifts at the Queenstown Arts and Crafts Market, which is held in Earnslaw Park every Saturday. The Remarkables Market in Frankton runs during spring and summer and is the place to find locally-made gifts, art, food, and produce.

Art Galleries

The high number of art galleries around Queenstown must have something to do with the town's inspirational setting. Throughout the CBD, you will find art galleries offering everything from fine art and collectibles to avant-garde and abstract works. Not surprisingly, photography features heavily in many of the art galleries. For large-scale landscape photography, take a look at the work of award-winning photographer Stephan Romer at the Romer Gallery on Earl Street.

On Beach Street, Central Art Gallery focuses on a collection of traditional fine art. Not far from the lakefront, Milford Galleries on Earl Street features a collection of works from contemporary New Zealand artists. Ivan Clarke is one of Queenstown's most celebrated home-grown artists thanks to his Lonely Dog series. You can visit the Ivan Clarke Gallery for yourself on Camp Street. All of Queenstown's galleries provide options for shipping artwork internationally.

Artbay and Lightworx Galleries on the waterfront in Queenstown are the perfect destination for any art enthusiast. The galleries represent a stunning collection of leading contemporary New Zealand and International artists, with a focus on diverse and innovative fine art and sculpture. Their knowledgeable team is dedicated to providing an exceptional experience, offering tax free sales, national and global delivery and a seamless acquisition process for collectors.



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LIGHTWORX GALLERY

Supermarkets, food and drinks

Need to stock up on supplies for the apartment or holiday house? There are a number of options in central Queenstown to keep you topped up. The Alpine Supermarket (Four Square) on the corner of Shotover and Stanley streets is the easiest supermarket option in central Queenstown. The slightly larger Fresh Choice on Gorge Road is a two-minute drive from town. Raeward Fresh is a market-style supermarket where you will find premium produce and a delicious deli counter. For a fast fix or late-night snack, there are several convenience stores dotted around town.

While you can buy wine and beer at supermarkets in Queenstown, you may want to explore the specialty wine stores where the full range of premium and local options, including spirits, are available. The Winery and The Merchants Liquor Store provide plenty of local options and are where you can find that special bottle of Central Otago Pinot Noir, micro-brewery craft beer or one of the growing number of small-batch gin makers like Riffers Gin or The Source from the Cardrona Valley.

For sweet treats and a fun shopping experience, head into The Remarkables Sweet Shop on Beach Street for wall-to-wall sweets, candies and chocolate. You can take a trip down memory lane browsing their old-style options as well as the modern variations for the kids. Fudge is the specialty here, and there is always a free taste test on offer.

Large supermarkets and department stores are found out of central Queenstown at Five Mile in Frankton and Remarkables Park near the airport. There are three supermarkets here as well as chain stores such as The Warehouse, Kmart, Mountain Warehouse and other big-brand sports and homewares stores.

Frankton also offers a wide range of fast-food and takeaway outlets for an easy dinner or lunch option. The line-up covers national chains as well as local operators. With many of the district's schools and childcare centres located here, locals often choose Frankton as the place to do their shopping and dining. And with plenty of space, finding a free place to park the car while shopping is easy.

Arrowtown Shopping

Just twenty minutes from central Queenstown, Arrowtown is a charming and lovingly preserved heritage town alongside the Arrow River. Despite its quaint appearance, Arrowtown offers an impressive line-up of modern, designer boutiques and high-end galleries. Some of the region's best shopping is to be found here. To find out more, see the Arrowtown Shopping section on pages 60-63.

The heart of Arrowtown is Buckingham Street, where you will find a number of souvenir stores selling high-quality items such as merino wool, merino mink and pounamu (greenstone). Buckingham Street is a beautiful display of heritage buildings before it turns into a stunning tree-lined avenue of tiny miners' cottages. Highlights along Buckingham Street include the old general store, which is now a pharmacy and the old Post Office, which still operates as the Arrowtown Post Office and now features a locally flavoured gift store.



ARROWTOWN SHOPPING

UNTOUCHED WORLD at TE HUIA

New Zealand's award-winning sustainable fashion label Untouched World™ delivers natural fibres and fabrics with their AW23 Collection providing a sense of comfort and warmth, as we reset and focus on the new season ahead. At Te Huia we offer you a curated selection of inspired new Untouched World designs, reworked classics, bursts of colour and a palette of neutrals bringing a touch of luxury to every day.



Choose Canada Goose™



Discover our selection of luxury styles by Canada Goose™ to ensure you stay warm and dry this season. These versatile pieces are made from durable fabrics designed to help you 'live in the open' with ease. Whether you're working up a sweat on hiking trails or casually relaxing at a café, choose from the Hybrid Lite and Human Nature collections including vests, jackets and hoodies.

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ARROWTOWN KĀ - MURIWAI

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Bars and Nightlife

Don't exhaust all your energy on Queenstown's many daytime activities and adventures. Save yourself for the evening when the bars and clubs come alive.



Queenstown is well-known for its incredible lineup of activities and experiences and a reputation as the adventure capital of New Zealand. However, for many, the town's nightlife is the biggest drawcard. And with visitors to Queenstown ranging from backpackers on a budget to those arriving by private jet and everything in between, there is something for everyone when it comes to hitting the town in Queenstown.

While Queenstown is known as a party town, it's not all late nights and loud music. Queenstown has plenty of chilled and family-friendly options. Central Queenstown occupies a breathtaking lakeside position on the shores of Lake Whakatipu, which means many of its bars and restaurants have a front-row position for the spectacular views over the lake and mountains beyond. When the sun sets over the mountains, a spectacular display occurs as the sky changes colour and the mountains cast striking silhouettes. This is the time of day to find a chilled rooftop bar or casual beer garden and enjoy a few drinks with friends.

One of the best locations is Steamer Wharf. With its prime lakeside position and large selection of restaurants and bars, Steamer Wharf buzzes any time of day or night. One of the highlights here is Atlas Beer Café, Queenstown's home of craft beer.

Queenstown offers plenty of unique places to have a drink. One of these is Queenstown Ice Bar (page 49), located in the Upper Village near the gondola. The Ice Bar is, as the name states, a bar made of ice. The stunning cocktail lounge is sculpted from ice, glasses are made of ice, and they serve up some of the coolest cocktails you'll ever have. Thankfully, you're provided with plenty of warm gear upon entry.

Other notable bars around Queenstown are Cowboy's with its mechanical bull and country-themed décor, Pog Mahone's for a proper Irish Guinness, and Perkys floating bar. The Locker Room Sports Bar is where you're guaranteed to get a view of whatever sports you're looking for, and Bardeaux is the place for top-notch cocktails and vintage wines.

In the heart of town, Shotover Street, Searle Lane, Cow Lane, Church Street, and The Mall are where things start pumping later in the night. And don't worry what day it is, around here, every night is a Friday night.

Not far from central Queenstown is Arthurs Points and an alternative to the downtown bar options. Cargo Brewery and Gin Garden on Arthurs Point Road have created their own vibe in a picturesque setting above the Shotover River.

Twenty minutes out of Queenstown is the historic town of Arrowtown and its small but impressive selection of bars and restaurants. The Blue Door is an institution, but you may have to ask a local where to find it.

If you're in search of Central Otago's world-famous Pinot Noir, don't worry, you will find it everywhere. If you want to go to the source, then see our Wineries section on pages 50-53.



Authentic Irish pub in the heart of Queenstown



Póg Mahone's opened its doors in 1998 and fast became a Queenstown icon. The Kiwi and Irish owners wanted to create an authentic Irish atmosphere and so designed and built the pub in Ireland itself then shipped it lock, stock and barrel to New Zealand.

At Pógs you can enjoy a lively mix of modern and Celtic music (including regular trad sessions), friendly service and be warmed by open fires in both bars. On the inside it's guaranteed Irish but don't forget to try the sunny lakeside beer garden and balcony from which you can soak up some of New Zealand's most stunning alpine scenery!

Pógs boasts an array of delicious homemade pub meals, Queenstown's only Stonegrill experience, and arguably the best pint of Guinness in New Zealand. Pair that with their famous Beef and Guinness Pie and you're in for a treat!

If you're looking for some great Craic, friendly service and fantastic Irish hospitality then head down to Póg Mahone's and you certainly won't be disappointed.

Opening times

11 am - 1 am
7 days a week
Meals served until 9 pm

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Find us

14 Rees Street
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Queenstown CBD



POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

STONEGRILL MIXED GRILL (gf) - \$39

Five different raw meats served on a hot stone for you to cook. Comes with sides and sauces

BBQ PORK RIBS (gf) - \$27

Homemade BBQ sauce, golden fries, and coleslaw

BEEF & GUINNESS PIE - \$27

Colcannon mash, gravy, and homemade soda bread

IRISH STEW - \$26

Lamb & Guinness stew, steamed vegetables, and homemade soda bread

HOMEMADE SEAFOOD CHOWDER (gf*) - \$19

Comes with toasted sourdough

BANGERS & MASH (gf) - \$26

Pork sausages, colcannon mash, peas, and onion gravy

Key: (gf) Gluten friendly – (gf) Gluten friendly on request*

How long can you stay on the bull?

Yee-haw!



Come join our team at Cowboys™ for a fun filled visit in our Cowboy themed bar. Show us your skills on the Mechanical Bull or have a game of Pool or Shuffleboard with friends and family.

You will find yourself singing along to all your favourite 70's, 80's and 90's hits with a few catchy current songs and of course all your best loved country tunes. Karaoke is always a fond favourite with the locals on Sunday night with free spicy chicken wings after 9.00pm.

Our bar is fitted out with authentic Cowboy and Native American artefacts. Get some fantastic photos with our amazing taxidermy pieces including our grizzly bear and enormous Bison head.

Come in early with your whole family, kids included (until 9 pm) and enjoy a quiet drink while your children are entertained playing shuffleboard, pool, or if they're brave enough riding our iconic mechanical bull!

We look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget when you're here to try our Beergarita™, world famous in Queenstown. Yee-haw!

Merchandise available

- » COWBOYS HOODIE - \$75
- » T-SHIRTS - \$40
- » COWBOYS CAP - \$45
- » COWBOYS BEANIE - \$35



Opening times

3 pm - 4 am
7 days a week

Contact us

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Find us

7&8 Searle Lane,
Queenstown CBD



- » POOL TABLE - FREE
- » SHUFFLEBOARD - FREE
- » MECHANICAL BULL - GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CHARITY
- » FREE PIZZA 3PM - 8PM WITH A DRINK PURCHASE



FREE PIZZA

3pm – 8pm everyday, with a drink purchase.

MARGHERITA

SPICY CHICKEN

FOKKER MEAT LOVERS

CRAZY COWBOYS (VEGETARIAN)

BROADBACK (SALAMI)

CHEFS DAILY CREATION

Premium Wine & Cocktail Bar

BARDEAUX

An iconic bar and the perfect intimate venue to enjoy a true Queenstown experience.

This sumptuous up-market venue is all about service, the huge open fire, knowledgeable staff and great music. Bardeaux's extensive wine and cocktail menu only adds to the elegant ambience.

The range of local Pinot's is eclectic, backed up by a cellar of vintage wines and champagnes. This bar is sultry and seductive; sitting among all the party and dance bars.

Bardeaux is a haven for those who want a night out with friends or a relaxing wine by the big fire after a day on the slopes!

Functions

The intimate surroundings and the huge fireplace make Bardeaux a great venue for pre-dinner drinks, après ski, tastings or cocktail parties. The extensive wine list is sure to please even the most discerning drinkers and the cocktail list includes many delicious treats.



Opening times

Monday to Sunday
5 pm till very late

Contact us

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Find us

Eureka Arcade off The Mall
Queenstown 9300



POPULAR DRINKS

Prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

SCAPA SKIREN - \$19

A lovely light dram from Orkney with floral and citrus notes

BALVENIE 'CARIBBEAN CASK' 14YO - \$30

A delicious Speyside whisky that is smooth and slightly spiced

ANTIPASTO PLATTER - \$65

Succulent cured meats, chutneys, pickled vegetables, fresh fruits and full selection of Whitestone NZ cheeses make this a tasty treat

ON MELON-COLA HILL - \$24

Havana 7 Rum, House made Melon Shrub, Apricot Brandy, Citrus, Soda

SARGENT TERRY - \$26

Cacao nib infused Aberlour 12 Whisky, Orange Oleo, PX Sherry

AMISFIELD FUME BLANC - GLASS \$21 BOTTLE \$105

A barrel-aged Sauvignon Blanc from central Otago. Ripe nectarines and tropical notes

Small footprint, big atmosphere



Atlas Beer Café is a quirky and cosy bar tucked away at the end of Steamer Wharf. Boasting 24 craft beers on tap, a menu that will have your mouth watering, stunning views of the Remarkables Mountain range, and weird and wonderful décor – this is a one-of-a-kind bar in Queenstown.

A firm favourite with locals and visitors alike, Atlas has an affinity with the mountain biking community and is a friendly and unpretentious bar. Pull up a pew outside, take in the views and soak up the sunshine on a beautiful day or cosy up inside with a mulled wine if the weather is not so nice. The vast rotating beer menu is supplemented with a range of premium gins, whiskies, vodkas, wine and more.

Menu favourites include our signature rump steak topped with demi-glace and Café de Paris butter. We also serve up a variety of fully stacked burgers, tacos and bar snacks with gluten & dairy friendly and vegan options available - just let our friendly staff know of any dietary requirements.

Atlas Beer Café is boutique brews, fine fare, and awesome atmosphere – see you when you get here!



Opening times

Monday to Thursday 3 pm - late
Friday to Sunday 12 pm - late
Closed Tuesdays

Contact us

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Find us

Steamer Wharf
Queenstown CBD



POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

RUMP STEAK - \$24.90

Chunky fries, house salad, demi-glace and café de Paris butter

VEGAN 'STEAK' - \$23.90

Red lentil, chickpea and seasonal vegetable bake with chunky fries, house salad, kumara crisps and homemade mushroom gravy

GRILLED CHEESE BURGER - \$26

Two smashed patties with bacon, Swiss cheese, Atlas secret burger sauce, pickles, ketchup and caramelised onion

CRISPY PORK BELLY BITES - \$17

Glazed in chilli caramel, Kewpie mayo, toasted pumpkin seeds on a bed of apple slaw

COCONUT SATAY TOFU - \$16

Crispy fried tofu topped with homemade satay sauce, crushed peanuts, toasted sesame seeds and kumara crisps

ATLAS VEGAN BURGER - \$26

Homemade Atlas vegan pattie, shredded lettuce, caramelised onions, pickles, cheese and Atlas secret burger sauce

The floating bar with million-dollar views

Perky's
FLOATING BAR
QUEENSTOWN

Perky's Floating Bar is a warm and casual bar permanently moored in the center of Queenstown. We offer a cozy indoor and outdoor space with an atmosphere that acts as a place for locals, wanderers, and adventurers to share a drink together as equals. Perky's rooftop is fully covered with heaters to keep you warm in the winter months and there is plenty of shade for the hot summer days!

We pride ourselves on bringing you a great selection of drinks at a reasonable price. Our menu consists of a range of carefully selected items including beautiful local options, craft beers, wines and spirits. We also aim to provide the finest made cocktails changing from season to season with weekend specials giving you ample choice when you are on board.

We offer panoramic views of Lake Whakatipu and the impressive surrounding mountain peaks. Without a commercial kitchen on board, we invite guests to bring their favourite takeaways to the boat.

We're more than just drinks, we're a community. So what are you waiting for? Drop by!

POPULAR COCKTAILS

Perky's doesn't have a commercial kitchen, so we run a BYO food policy.

MOJITO - \$18.50

Havana Club Rum, Mint & Fresh Lime
Choose from: Classic, Passion Fruit, Coconut & Raspberry

MARGARITA - \$18.50

Jose Cuervo Tequila, Orange Liqueur & Fresh Lime

ESPRESSO MARTINI - \$18.50

Vanilla Vodka, Kahlua & Coffee

WHITE RUSSIAN - \$18.50

Vodka, Kahlua, Milk & Cream
Choose from: Classic, Mint, Salted Caramel, Gingerbread

STRAWBERRY FIZZ - \$18.50

Vodka, Strawberries & Fresh Lime. Topped with Lemonade

TOBLERONE - \$18.50

Kahlua, Frangelico, Baileys & Cream. Topped with Toblerone Shavings



Opening times

12 pm - 11 pm

7 days a week

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Find us

Queenstown Lakefront
Queenstown CBD



Queenstown's home for sports!



At The Locker Room Sports Bar, we're known for our upbeat atmosphere, stellar eats and some of the most hard-core sports fans in New Zealand. The Locker Room is where you can kick back with your mates and get your munch on. Whichever team you support, there will always be a friendly spot for you and the gang to watch the game LIVE & LOUD so you won't miss a second of the action. The menu is a joyous offering of North American yum yums that are designed to be eaten over a yarn with friends. Upstairs you'll find our GAME ROOM with a pool table, shuffleboard and a foosball table ready for the competitive types.

- » Happy Hour – weekdays from 4-6PM
- » Taco Tuesday – half price tacos until 9PM
- » Wing It Wednesdays – Half price wings until 9PM – smothered in sauce or dry rubbed
- » Big Dawg Day – Thursdays all Big Dawgs are half price until 9PM
- » Burger Deal – On Fridays Burgers are \$2 off 12-5PM
- » Brewday – Saturday Beer Jugs from 12-5PM are \$2 off
- » Caesar Sundays - \$2 off All Day

POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP (v) \$17

Buffalo chicken, lettuce, tomato, blue cheese, and ranch dressing

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK - \$17

Marinated ribeye, cheese, queso, onion, and red pepper

PORK RIB BURGER - \$15

BBQ pulled pork ribs, coleslaw, and onion rings

BEEF BURGER (v) - \$15

*Cheese, lettuce, relish, and kewpie mayo
Optional burger patty, cheese, and bacon add-ons*

CHICKEN WINGS (v) 6 FOR \$9 / 12 FOR \$15

*Choose from various sauces and dry rubs
Served with ranch or blue cheese*

MOZZARELLA STICKS (v) - \$13

Served with Marinara sauce

Key – (v) Vegetarian option available
FULL VEGAN MENU AVAILABLE AT BAR



Opening times

12 pm - late
7 days a week

Contact us

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Find us

10 Brecon Street
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Restaurants

Queenstown's impressive dining scene is a worthy match for the impressive scenery in which it's located.





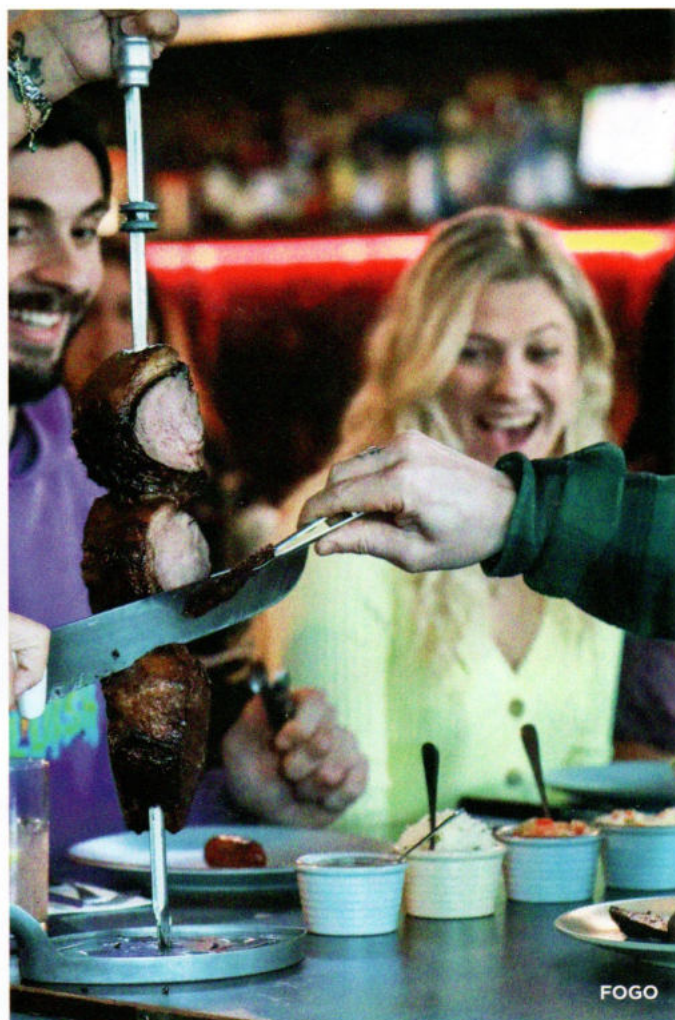
TRUE SOUTH DINING ROOM

Visitors travel from around the globe to holiday in Queenstown, so it's no surprise the town's restaurant scene is a truly cosmopolitan affair. Take a wander through Queenstown's main streets, and you will find just about every cuisine style covered. While the focus may be on variety, one thing you will always find is plenty of local produce and ingredients. Whether it's locally sourced wild venison, fresh seafood from the fiords or delicious stone fruit from the nearby orchards, there will always be a local flavour on the menu. Local artisans also appear on drinks menus, making it the perfect opportunity to sample a Pinot Noir from Gibbston Valley, a local craft beer or something from one of the growing number of small-batch boutique whisky and gin makers.

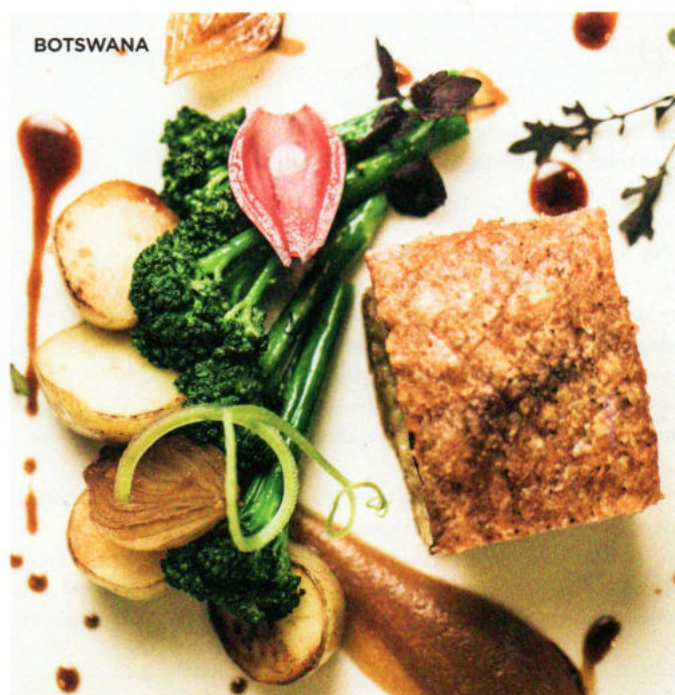
With the majority of Queenstown's restaurants and cafés found in the CBD, it's easy to take in those million-dollar views while you dine. However, you don't have to pay top dollar to get top views. There are plenty of al fresco and casual dining options along the lakefront. One of the best dining locations in Queenstown is free. Grab a takeaway meal, find a spot on the beach by the lakefront and enjoy one of the best sunsets the southern hemisphere has to offer.

It is the heart of Queenstown that is foodie heaven. Step into FOGO for an authentic Brazilian BBQ experience or Blue Kanu for an incredible taste of Pacific/Asian fusion food. For Kiwi-inspired flavours, The Bunker offers an intimate, rustic fine dining experience, the award-winning True South Dining Room at The Rees Hotel epitomises sophisticated elegant dining, and The Botswana Butchery is renowned for pairing fine cuts of meat with locally sourced ingredients. With such a wide selection of restaurants and flavours, our best recommendation is to give yourself plenty of time to sample a selection of what's on offer. And forget whatever preconceived ideas you may have of restaurant hotels, the offering at Queenstown's hotels is on par with the very best. With such fierce competition, they have to be.

Arrowtown offers an impressive selection of restaurants just 20 minutes from Queenstown. Many of Arrowtown's preserved heritage buildings have been turned into restaurants, bringing an extra layer of character to dining out. Arrowtown is also home to Amisfield, one of the district's best restaurants with a stylish cellar door. Amisfield restaurant was recently awarded Cuisine's New Zealand Restaurant of the Year for 2022.



FOGO



BOTSWANA

Frankton has grown in population and popularity over the years. It is now the destination of choice for locals, and so the restaurant options are excellent. There are plenty of good quality takeaway outlets here as well as a few of the locals' favourite cafes.

Queenstown has traded on a reputation for world-class dining for a long time, and it's not about to change. If you are planning to sample one of more of Queenstown's many restaurants, make sure you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

An exploration of the season's best local produce



AMISFIELD

Our focus at Amisfield is on creating dishes that represent the fishermen, hunters, gatherers and farmers of the region. Our team work hard to help define what New Zealand is capable of, with a journey through endemic and wild Otago ingredients elevated by our vast collection of single vineyard wines, from our organic 92 hectare estate in Pisa, Central Otago.

The team are constantly pushing boundaries to highlight the relationship between raw produce and the finished product, and was honoured to be mentioned in the Worlds 50 Best Discovery list in 2022.

Chef Vaughan Mabee's inspiration comes from being involved with the local land and how the ever changing seasons shape the menu. Our food brings to light nostalgic New Zealand flavours, bringing memories of childhood dreams. These are dishes that help shape stories of New Zealand, its history and its endemic culinary contribution.

We believe we are charged with a sensitivity and commitment to our environment and we choose our partners in our menu for the quality they offer as well as their commitment to sustainability and ethical farming practices.



Opening times

Lunch - 12 pm - 3 pm
Dinner - 6.30 pm - late
Open from Wednesday to Sunday

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MENU

Amisfield regularly changes its dishes to focus on hyper-seasonality and availability, and are focused on surprising and delighting their guests. The images are examples of the type of cuisine you can expect. To view an example menu, please visit Amisfield's website or scan the QR code.

For wine, as well as a comprehensive list of Amisfield's current releases, the wine list showcases vintages from their extensive Cellar program. You can find wines from the last two decades highlighted and expertly matched to dishes, or to be enjoyed by the bottle.

Award winning food, breathtaking views



The award-winning True South Dining Room at The Rees Hotel in Queenstown epitomises sophisticated elegant dining.

Take a journey to one of Queenstown's hottest restaurants where guests are treated to a sense of surprise when they dine in the True South Dining Room – with something delicious, exciting and unexpected!

True South's pride in our region is expressed with a menu of dishes based mainly on local produce. Where possible we source high quality ingredients from suppliers in Central Otago, buying local not only assures freshness and quality control, it reduces food miles and encourages sustainable practices.

Offering mouth-watering monthly menus, with daily tweaks and seasonal changes, the menu showcases True South's signature style that is fresh, clean on the palate and exhibits creativity, innovation and above all, amazing flavour.

Opening times

6 pm - late
7 days a week

Contact us

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Find us

The Rees Hotel
377 Frankton Road
Queenstown



SAMPLE MENU

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR Code for current menu

BEEF TARTARE - \$35

Radish, smoked wagyu fat mushroom 'cap',
soubise puree, confit egg yolk, dried porcini,
horseradish, Canterbury Rye Lavosh

CITRUS CURED YELLOWFIN TUNA - \$28

Stargazer and South Island Calamari mousse,
smoked kina emulsion, barbequed Nevis
Gardens asparagus

INVERTED LEMON MERINGUE PIE - \$12

SPICED PUMPKIN AND CONFIT ORANGE - \$32

Cardrona Source gin and spiced pumpkin
ganache montee, chestnut, maple and whiskey
ice cream, maple leaf tuiles

THE STRAWBERRY - \$32

Valrhona Strawberry Ganache Montee,
strawberry, lime and pimms compote, sable
breton, Taittinger champagne foam, berry and
lime fizzy rocks, raspberry molasses and sorbet

"Polynasia" Taste's of the Pacific



BLUEKANU

FLAVOURS THAT FLOAT YOUR BOAT

Kia Ora Whanau!

Mixing both Pacifica and Asian style, together with blending the two cultures aims to create a style and feel that we call "Polynasia". The combination of Asian cuisine is recognised as healthy, fresh and exotic, encompassing Pacific influence, along with ancient spices, helping to create the new cultural soul food not seen in this region before.

Our guests are encouraged to come and dine Polynasia tapas style plates at the bar or in the restaurant and soak up the art, culture, and friendliness of the Pacific. Our Hulu hut style bar is ready to make you the perfect cocktail.

The use of colour, light and texture have been blended to give an authentic environment and create a stunning atmosphere. Our highlights include some stunning pieces of artwork from Deow with some of his incredible graffiti, Peter Collins from the North Island with his beautiful carvings and Bronc our local Maori artist with his superb flax weaving.

With oceans of Aroha.... we bring to you BLUEKANU!



Opening times

5 pm to late
7 days a week

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Find us

16 Church Street,
Queenstown CBD



POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

STEAMED CHARCOAL GOAT RENDANG BAO BUN - \$14

Hoisin, pickled cucumber, fermented chilli

COCONUT & CARAMEL BRAISED PORK BELLY (gf) - \$34

Ginger, chilli oil, mung beans

FIJIAN MARKET FISH KOKODA (gf) - \$24

Sago & squid ink crackers, avocado, coconut

LAMB JUNGLE CURRY - \$35

Crispy kumara, coconut yoghurt, sweet and sour onions

CRISPY WHOLE RAKIURA TARAKIHI - \$48 (gf)

Sweet and sour sticky sauce, Asian salad

KOKO SAMOA CHEESECAKE (v) (gf) - \$16

Orange caramel, freeze dried mandarin

Key: (gf) Gluten free – (v) Vegetarian

A-la-carte dining

botswana butchery

Botswana Butchery is one of Queenstown's most stylish restaurants. The ambience is warm and welcoming all year-round with its roaring log fires, luxurious dining environment and private dining suites to accommodate two to forty-five people.

The Botswana Butchery ethos of delivering flavoursome lunch and dinner menus in a plush, yet relaxed, environment is central to Botswana Butchery's success. The restaurant prides itself on exemplary levels of service and attention to detail at every stage of its wine and service delivery by knowledgeable staff.

Panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables complement a wide range of food and beverage, designed to showcase fresh, seasonal and locally sourced produce. Influences range from European to South-East Asian, with a distinctly Kiwi twist. Dinner and lunch menus can be matched to superb Central Otago and international wines from the restaurant's private 1800 bottle cellar. Set menus are also available for groups of 10 or more people.

Not to be missed is the The Little Black Book, which offers daily limited high grade produce from local farms, as well as high end wines from the cellar.



Opening times

12 pm - late
Closed on Monday & Tuesday

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Find us

Archers Cottage,
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POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

SLOW ROASTED WHOLE LAMB SHOULDER
1.4KG - \$98.95 (FOR 2 PEOPLE)

Royalburn, Arrowtown (NZ)

FRESHLY SHUCKED MARKET OYSTERS
½ DOZEN \$33.95 / DOZEN \$66.95

Natural or buttermilk battered. Sherry shallot dressing, fresh lemon, balsamic vinegar or Chilli jam, fresh lime, crispy shallots

DUCK FAT POTATOES - \$12.95

WILD FIORDLAND RED DEER LOIN - \$45.95

Kumara toffee purée, forest mushrooms, salted caramel pearl onion, red wine jus

SAVANNAH ANGUS CHATEAUBRIAND
750GM - \$128.95

Grilled or pan seared
Grass Fed, Manawatu (NZ)

BIG GLORY BAY KING SALMON FILLET
175GM - \$37.95

Discover The Bunker - Queenstown's best kept secret since 1997

THE BUNKER

Established in 1997, tucked down a hidden laneway in the centre of Queenstown, sits The Bunker – your complete nightlife venue offering a restaurant, cocktail/late-night bar and private group dining spaces.

Our restaurant provides an intimate dining experience, ensuring a high level of quality and service; dim lighting and old school music creates an almost private club atmosphere.

The menu focuses on locally sourced produce with European and Kiwi flavours, expertly crafted by Executive Chef-Co Owner Ben Norfolk. We feel the term 'rustic fine dining' describes our cuisine and the overall experience can be described as uncomplicated, but perfectly matched flavours, passionately prepared using the best of local and domestic produce.

For a true taste of The Bunker try our Taste of The South Menu which showcases our most popular dishes. Wine? We've got you covered - either select your favourite wine from our cellar or add our wine pairing carefully created by our in-house sommelier.

No matter the occasion - The Bunker is definitely the best place to celebrate!



Opening times

5 pm until late

7 days a week

Bookings recommended

Contact us

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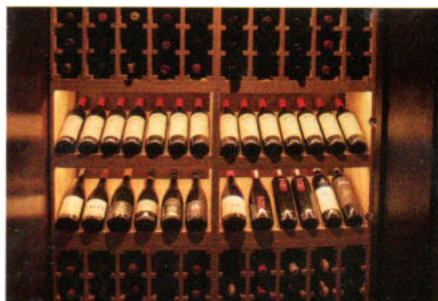
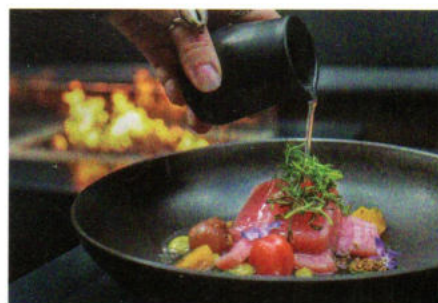
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Find us

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POPULAR DISHES

Meals and prices are subject to change, visit their website or scan the QR code for current menu

PAUA (STARTER) - \$32

West coast paua tortellini, chowder cream, grana padano

OSTRICH (STARTER) - \$29

Smoked Canterbury ostrich, pancetta ragu, whipped truffled potato, confit egg yolk, parmesan crisp

VEGETARIAN (STARTER) - \$28

Locally sourced wild mushroom, baby vegetable fricassee, raspberry vincotto, Kikorangi parfait.

SNAPPER (MAIN) - \$49

Nelson pink snapper, watercress soubise, spring radish, spiced clam salad, crayfish espuma

LAMB (MAIN) - \$52

Central Otago Provenance bio farmed lamb backstrap, lamb rump souvlaki, babaganoush, compressed cucumber, labneh, pomegranate

CHOCOLATE (DESSERT) - \$20

Dark chocolate fondant, salted caramel, cherry curds

Have an experience, not just dinner



Welcome to our Brazilian BBQ Experience in the heart of Queenstown! Since opening in 2019, Fogo's charcoals have been BBQ'ing juicy, perfectly-seasoned succulent cuts for serious meat-lovers! The All-You-Can-Eat Experience delivers and delights, for anyone from the solo traveller to families, from date-night couples to large groups. Sit down and relax as passadores present 13 endless meats at your table, accompanied by bottomless traditional sides like garlicky black beans, Brazilian rice, tomato salsa, chimichurri and many more. The experience is topped with BBQ cinnamon pineapple, the ultimate palate cleanser.

Create your own delicious Brazilian cocktails with a fun interactive menu - choose which spirit to pair with a tropical flavour. Will you keep it traditional with a Caipirinha, or branch out to a Mango & Chilli Caipiquila (tequila)? Our NZ and South American centric wine list has been curated to perfectly pair with BBQ meats. Even if you're not hungry enough for All-You-Can-Eat, you can still sample a selection of our BBQ with our à la carte platters. The vegetarians of your group are also catered for with our Veggie Mini Chur Platter.

The question is, have you left enough room for churros?



Opening times

For up-to-date opening hours please check our website or social media

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Find us

Queenstown CBD



Scan the QR Code for full menu



ALL-YOU-CAN-MEAT CHURRASCO EXPERIENCE

Your chance to experience a Brazilian feast of 13 endless meats presented at your table.

BEEF

Picanha - Rump Cap Steak
Picanha com alho - Garlic Steak
Fraldinha - Herbed Flank
Costela de Boi - Short Rib

PORK

Linguiça - Brazilian Sausage
Costela de Porco - Sticky BBQ Rib
Filé de Porco - Fillet
Barriga de Porco - Belly

CHICKEN

Frango com Bacon - Chicken thigh wrapped in Bacon
Coração de Frango - Chicken Hearts
Coxa de Frango - Drumsticks
Tulipa - Marinated Wings

LAMB

Cordeiro NZ Lamb Rump

PLUS ABACAXI COM CANELA

BBQ Cinnamon Pineapple

Served with bottomless traditional Brazilian sides and sauces
All meats are dairy & gluten free
Kids BBQ options available

QUEENSTOWN

IN-ROOM TOURISM GUIDE